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'IS VALE THE RIGHT LOCATION FOR WASTE DISPOSAL PLANTS?'

- local politicians' concerns

A local politician, who is concerned that high traffic levels will be generated if waste disposal proposals get the green light in the Llandow area, has pointed out that the situation mirrors the debate over a biomass plant given the go-ahead in Barry.

by TIM CHAPMAN

Dr Ian Johnson, Plaid's Assembly candidate for the Vale, said residents of rural villages were right to be concerned by the threat of an increase in HGVs.

"Vale residents are rightly concerned by the disruption that would be caused. That alone would be enough for many people to object to the plans.

"There needs to be proper scrutiny of the plans being put forward and the likely effects upon the surrounding areas, including not just whether this is the correct location, but also whether this is the most appropriate clean and green technology that won't be locking us into a generation or more of ineffective waste disposal."

Earlier this year, Sunrise Renewables successfully challenged a Vale Council planning committee's decision against a 9MW renewable energy plant at Barry Docks, with a planning inspector ruling in favour of the company.

Dr Johnson said there was a parallel with the waste disposal planning proposals made for the Llandow area.

"There is also a need for all of us in the Vale to learn from the experience of the biomass plant, which is to be sited on Barry Docks.

"The Vale Council's planning committee turned down the application for the plant, but that was over-turned on appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

"We need to look at the arguments made by the Planning Inspectorate in support of building the plant and ensure that councillors give full scrutiny to the plans and pay attention to how those concerns will be answered.

"There is, of course, a need for us to develop methods of waste disposal, but the question is always whether they are in the right location and if they are using the best available technology."

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Parade green light is 'icing on cake' for Cowbridge's Fashion Week

by JAYNE ISAAC

THE GO-AHEAD has been given for the third Cowbridge parade in the lead up to Christmas to take place.

Organisers of Fashion Week met police and council officers at the end of last week to discuss their plans for a fashion parade through the town to launch their event on Thursday, October 21.

Awen Evans of High Society, who is one of the Fashion Week organisers, said that everyone had been very helpful and she was delighted that the parade has received the green light.

The two other parades also approved are the Remembrance Sunday parade and the Reindeer Parade at Christmas, which draws in huge crowds.

The fashion parade will start at 6pm from The Butts, next to the Market Place Tavern and will work its way up the main street as far as the town hall.

It will not go up to Eastgate, as it has done in previous years.

The parade will then disperse, leaving shoppers to create their own champagne trail from shop to shop. Traders are laying on bottles of bubbly and refreshments plus, in some cases, entertainment.

The 'Vintage Glamour' theme of Fashion Week will also be included in the parade, and organisers are hoping for a couple of decidedly stylish retro cars to take part.

Models from each shop will walk along the road displaying some of the clothes and accessories on sale.

"We are so pleased that we will have the parade," said Awen.

"It is the icing on the cake. We will be having the red carpet outside shops again and people can go from red carpet to red carpet browsing in the shops and enjoying the refreshments on offer."

A new event this year is the vintage tea party, taking place from 3pm on the day of the parade at the Bear Hotel.

Everyone can get into the mood early by starting on the champagne and by enjoying afternoon tea, while the models parade among the tables.

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High spending on top managers

I WOULD like to refer to the Vale Council Leader's recent announcements with regard to transparency, and the need for this council to get a grip on its spending on top management and politicians.

An Assembly Member had to use the Freedom of Information Act on a recent issue, and top management salaries continue to rise.

How many councillors refused their four per cent increases? Also, there is a marked increase in payments to consultants and architects.

The council were quick enough to use the law to reorganise in the style of a cabinet, creating highly-paid corporate managers and political positions; but they seem to have missed the difficult bit, which was about holding the cabinet to account – a requirement of legislation.

The idea behind the new organisational arrangements was greater efficiency, transparency and accountability, and to ensure that decisions can be taken more quickly.

I think we got the high salaries and speedy decision-taking, but without the transparency and accountability.

Perhaps we should now dispense with the cabinet system altogether and the costly ceremonial mayor (the Vale of Glamorgan already has four traditional, long-standing mayors), and have one elected Vale Mayor, to make the decisions and to be held to account by the people.

Mr A Smith,
Barry

'Who's the nimby now?'

I HAVE just received a poster delivered through my letter box from Coun Rob Curtis and Coun Margaret Wilkinson, seeking support in opposing the scheme to develop White Farm for housing.

They are absolutely right to oppose this scheme. However, when the Save Cemetery Approach Action Group was canvassing for support from councillors in opposing the ill-conceived housing scheme that would have ruined Cemetery Approach – and getting more than 11,000 signatures in the process – he called us a bunch of NIMBYS (Not in my back yard).

Who's the NIMBY now, Coun Curtis? You don't deserve it, but I shall support your campaign.

Derek Hooper,
Barry

Plea to dog owners

AS a resident of Ham Lane in Llantwit Major, I am annoyed by the problem of irresponsible dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs have fouled the pavement.

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Council chiefs should look for savings closer to home

I HAVE given great thought to the Vale Council's warning of major cut-backs for the financial years of 2010/11 and 2011/12 by chief executive, John Maitland Evans and director of finance, Sian Davies.

I believe they should look closer to home in order to start saving money, before they start swinging their axes and cutting public services.

For example, the Prime Minister, David Cameron receives £140,500 for running the country (60 million-plus population) and Boris Johnson receives £120,000 for running London (five million-plus population) while John Maitland-Evans earns £170,000 for running the Vale of Glamorgan Council (123,000 population).

That is £170,000 – and if he completes his full term, he will receive a possible pay-off of £350,000 and a possible pension of £80,000 annually. Yes, a possible pension of more than £1,500 a week.

Then we have six council employees on £110,000 or more a year, and 44 employees on £66,000 a year or more (making a grand total of at least £3,734,000 for their salaries). You must ask yourself are you getting value for money? Are they worth it?

They have stated that these cutbacks will lead to job losses. I fully agree, but it must not be our frontline manual workers that go, it must be the big earners followed by over-staffed office workers. It will be costly at first, but we will reap the rewards in future years. Just look at Bridgend Borough Council. They have done that and they have not looked back. Then we must turn our sights on council buildings and dismantle the empires that they have built up over the years.

Another 'must' is to get rid of councillors who have become 'nodding dogs', and replace them with independent councillors who will represent their wards and, most of all, listen to our requirements and speak for us – and not as ordered by their party's whip.

Bryn Evans,
Barry

JOHN MAITLAND EVANS, chief executive of the Vale Council, responded:

"Our chief officer salaries were reviewed by independent employment specialists in 2004. The council's budget for 2010/11 reduces the salary bill for senior managers by £500,000 over the next two years.

"Phase 1 of this reduction has already been implemented and this has seen the loss of seven senior manager posts at head of service and operational manager levels, a percentage cut which far exceeds the proportionate cut across the rest of the council's workforce. This means that the burden of managing services in these difficult times has to be shared among the fewer, remaining officers.

"No Vale chief officer received a national pay award in 2009/10 or 2010/11, unlike some other public sector senior managers.

"The figures in this letter are incorrect, as is the claim that Boris Johnson runs London. Mr Johnson is a politician who sets policy and works in partnership with London's 33 councils, each with its own chief executive. In 2009/10 London chief executive salaries ranged from £164,000 to £242,000.

"Local councillors have been voted in democratically and are the choice of local people. The fact that many have been voted in over several elections points to the faith local people have in their elected representatives.

"The Vale has a consistently good track record in delivering cost-effective services, particularly given the fact that we are a low-spending council. Compared to many other councils in Wales, it is very far from the truth to describe the Vale as over-staffed.

"The Vale's council tax is lower than average and we are consistently ranked as one of the best councils in Wales. Last year an independent public survey found that 92 per cent of Vale residents were satisfied with council services. Very few UK councils achieve this level of satisfaction. This would seem to indicate that, yes, our residents do indeed receive value for money from a council that provides hundreds of services that affect the lives of all residents."

First successful coffee morning

WITH the help of family and friends, I held my first coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support, which raised an amazing £500.05p.

My home was filled with smiling ladies (and a few brave men) enjoying being part of raising money for such a worthwhile cause.

Donations of delicious home-made cakes, hand-stitched crafts, books and bric-a-brac all helped to bring in the money.

We had more than 50 items donated for the raffle by family, friends and local businesses.

Thank you Mirror Image, Rio, LM Sportsplace, Chocolate Box, Co-op Chemist, Kingswood Jewellers, Corner Shop, Boverton Post Office and Jannipegs for their contributions.

Special thanks to Alice and Taya for cajoling everyone into buying raffle tickets - you were both brilliant!

Whether you attended, donated, stayed up half the night baking, sold or bought raffle tickets, or helped in any way at all, my heartfelt thanks to you all.

Chris Jones,
Llantwit Major

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 21)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
14 Thur	11.26	8.19	23.52	7.58
15 Fri	12.29	7.64		
16 Sat	01.10	7.14	13.58	7.45
17 Sun	02.47	7.19	15.20	7.73
18 Mon	03.59	7.63	16.20	8.21
19 Tues	04.49	8.17	17.06	8.69
20 Wed	05.29	8.66	17.46	9.09
21 Thur	06.05	9.05	18.20	9.38

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OLDER GENERATION TO THE FORE AS...

Whist drive helps Cowbridge pupil visit African charity

THE 'older generation' was out in force recently to help a local school pupil raise funds in order to visit a South African charitable trust.

Lauren Griffin, a year-13 student at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, with support from family and friends, held a very successful whist drive recently at the Lesser Hall in Cowbridge.

The event raised a magnificent £494 towards the cost of a charity trip to South Africa.

At the same time, Lauren was able to publicise awareness of work of the Goedgedacht Trust in South Africa, which has strong links with Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

Every two years, students at the school are given the opportunity to apply to visit the trust and, if selected, must raise funds towards the cost.

Goedgedacht is a Cape Dutch farm, 87 km north west of Cape Town. At the farm, the trust's 'Path out of Poverty Programme' (POP) is very successfully helping poor rural children to find ways out of the desperate cycles of poverty which have trapped farm worker families for many generations.

ABOVE and LEFT: Whist players say cheers at the Lesser Hall in Cowbridge!

AM welcomes grant for St Canna's church

ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM with church members Beth Jones and Jill and John Rosser.

VALE AM Jane Hutt welcomed the announcement by Carl Sargeant, the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government, that St Canna's Church, Llangan, will receive a communities facilities grant of £142,860.

She said: "I recently attended a service at St Canna's Church to commemorate the pioneering minister Rev David Jones and I know the church members will be very pleased that the Welsh Assembly is awarding a grant of £142,860 towards the refurbishment of the schoolroom."

COMMUNITY NEWS

LLANBETHERY & LLANCARFAN

Your community correspondents are Sam & Patsie Smith on (01446) 751448

Harvest supper

A MOST enjoyable evening with excellent food was experienced by all those who attended the annual Harvest supper in the Llancarfan village hall last Saturday evening.

More than £600 was raised for the St Cadoc's Restoration Appeal, and the PCC would like to thank all those who attended and especially to all the ladies (and bar staff) who provided such excellent food and helped ensure all present had such a good time.

Berlin marathon

KEELEY EWART-BROOKES (née Scott), daughter of Joann and Phil Quelch from Llancarfan raised more than £1,000 for the Army Benevolent Fund as a result of her completion of the marathon on September 26.

Keeley, Joann and Phil would like to thank all those who so generously sponsored her.

Big Screen showing

BIG Screen's next presentation is *Invictus* (cert 12A) which will be shown on Thursday, October 21 at 7.30pm in Cowbridge Town Hall.

This is a challenging film about the attempts to make South African rugby multi-ethnic and overcoming the inheritance of apartheid.

Nelson Mandela (Morgan Freeman) seeks to use the country's attempt to win the 1995 World Cup as a means of integrating all the people of his country. An inspiring film by Clint Eastwood.

Doors open 7.10pm. Tickets £3 (available in advance from the town clerk's office, or on the door).

Big screen is the trading name of the Vale of Glamorgan Film Society, a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers.

Thank you for returning purse

I WOULD like, through The GEM, to express my thanks to the person who recently found my purse in a car park, opposite Cowbridge town hall, and returned it to Cowbridge police station.

The courtesy and helpfulness of the staff at the police station was also appreciated.

Mrs GL George, Milford Haven

YSTRADOWEN AND DISTRICT WI NEWS

Members hear about new Vale branches

THE annual general meeting of Ystradowen and District WI was held at the Village Hall and President Valerie Owen chaired the meeting.

Minute secretary Barbara Richards gave a report of the year's activities. We have enjoyed the monthly speakers who have entertained and enlightened us with a very diverse range of subjects. In addition, we have enjoyed two outings.

The vice treasurer Mavis Burnham gave the financial report. This had been prepared by the treasurer Pam Robbins who was away on holiday in warmer climes.

Valerie Owen reported that we were pleased to welcome several new members this year. Val thanked the committee for their support throughout the year.

The WI adviser, Shena Sargeant, who convened the meeting needed no introduction and is herself a long-standing member of Ystradowen WI. Shena complimented Pam Robbins for her excellent presentation of the financial statement. Shena reported that six new WI branches had been formed in the Vale during the year. It is encouraging that the organisation is thriving.

It was then time to elect the committee. Olive Irish wished to resign after serving for four years. Other committee members were willing to stand again. Jan Foyle was elected president for the forthcoming year.

This concluded the AGM and members enjoyed an excellent buffet and a glass of wine prepared by Olive Irish and Diane Coxill.

EILEEN LOVE

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Planning

HEOL Las Barn, Llangan - conversion to tourist accommodation of existing disused barn.

Substitute metal roof with slate roof and the small rear projection will also be re-roofed and the height slightly increased.

St Mary Hill Church 100 Club

WINNERS of the September draw were:

Mr and Mrs P Rees; Mr P Harries, Mr and Mrs I Rees; Dr T Jones, Mrs H Griffiths.

The next draw will take place in December.

Liugi is home!

READERS of my column will remember my appeal on behalf of Trish of the Star Inn in the village of Treoes for the safe return of 'Liugi the chef'.

He was kidnapped during the summer beer festival and postcards have been arriving at the Star from many parts of the world, pretending to have been sent by Liugi.

On Saturday last, Liugi arrived, without ceremony, in a black plastic bag via our local postman. Trish could not decipher where he had come from and no-one has claimed the reward offered for his safe return.

When I called into the Star to enquire whether or not he had been found, Liugi was standing in the fireplace and looking very pleased to be back where he belongs!

St Hilary hosts charity events

A CAR boot sale will be held at the Manor House, St Hilary, from 9am on Saturday, October 16 in aid of Help for Heroes.

On Sunday, November 7, there will be a coffee, tea, raffle and cakes party in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support in the Village Hall from 2.30 pm – 5pm.

PENLLYN AND DISTRICT WI NEWS

Busy times for the crafts group

THE October meeting in Penllyn Village Hall was opened by president, Novello Peters, who introduced a new member.

A report was given on the evening with Roy Noble on September 30 in the HiTide, Porthcawl.

The walking treasure hunt in Cowbridge on September 21 was a very successful evening. Winners Sheree Pearson and Susan Wheatcroft were presented with their prizes. The clues had been set by Rhiannon Corey, who was thanked for her efforts.

Craft evenings have resumed, with members engaging in jewellery making, card-making and sugarcraft. There will be additional craft meetings in November in the run-up to the November fayre. Members were asked to bring crafts they are working on for the fayre to the October 27 craft evening. Arrangements and organisation for the November fayre were also discussed.

We are all looking forward to our 'Evening with Owen Money' on Friday, October 15 in Hi Tide, Porthcawl.

We are planning a Christmas trip to Tredegar House on December 17.

The speaker, Pat Johnson of Colwinston, was introduced by Novello Peters and gave a lively and informative talk on, and demonstration of 'Felting'; explaining carefully the materials used and the methods of making felt, showing the different colours and effects achieved by using various other materials with the wool.

She then showed an amazing variety of items made with felt – from bags, scarves, hats, and waistcoats to book covers, toys, and jewellery – all beautifully designed and exquisitely made.

She also explained her training and qualifications, and how she became interested in felting. The president thanked Pat for stepping in at short notice.

The next meeting in Penllyn Village Hall on November 2 at 7.30pm will be our AGM, and following institute and federation business, our speaker will be Marjorie Page, speaking about Clarice Cliff pottery.

New members always warmly welcomed on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Fine array of performances at Peterston's organ festival

RIGHT: One act which wowed the audience at the Peterston-super-Ely Organ Festival was the vocal group 'Serenata', who performed a wide range of pieces by Verdi, Mozart, Handel, Puccini, and Bizet. (See facing page for more photographs by Ian Dixon).

COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND-UP

It's a close call, but school's under-13 tennis team win out!

THE school under-13 tennis team travelled to play Cynffig on their courts in a regional final on a sunny day at the end of September.

David Humphries (No 1 seed) won comfortably 6-0 in his singles, and Alex Greaves (No 2) won 6-1.

Matthew Howells (No 3) had a tense match winning 7-5 and Matthew Harper at No 4 completed the wins at singles 6-3.

In the doubles, it proved much closer with Humphries and Harper winning 6-2. The game of Greaves and Howells was abandoned at 5-5 due to heavy rain.

Cowbridge next played Ysgol y Preseli in Pembrokeshire in the south Wales final at the indoor courts in UWIC Cyncoed on October 4.

The return of Matthew Kamal to the team was a great confidence booster.

No 1 seed Matthew Kamal won 6-1; No 2 David Humphries won 6-0; No 3 Alex Greaves lost 0-6; No 4 Matthew Harper lost 2-6.

Alex and Matthew were up against higher ranked players so, going into the doubles at two sets all, it was down to Matthew Kamal and David to win, which they did 6-1.

Alex and Matthew Harper, in losing their doubles 6-1, gained the one game needed for victory as sets were tied three-all and the team won 21-20 in games to go through to the next stage in Bristol.

Year-7 boys cross country team.

Girls cross country

ON Tuesday, October 5, the girls cross country team ran in their second league competition.

After round one, the year-7 team were 1st, the year 8 and 9 team were in 3rd, and the year 10-13 team were 2nd, so a big team effort was needed.

Seren Allin got the year-7 girls off to another fantastic start winning the race with the rest of the team, Cerys Bradshaw – 30th, Alicia Thomas – 25th, Ffion Vickers – 44th, Isobel Smith – 83rd and Niamh Jenkins – 85th. In the year 8 & 9 race, Nadine James was first home for Cowbridge in 17th position, closely followed by Rebecca Thomas – 18th, Ela Emyr – 25th, Alice Tudor – 32nd, Jordan Carpenter – 3rd, Brooke Langden-Cryer – 79th and Sally Gambling – 102nd.

In the second girls race, Miriam Bennett led the Cowbridge team in 11th place. She was closely followed by Rachel Bradshaw – 16th, Katie Wynne – 17th, Bethan Allman – 20th, Sabrina James – 26th and Holly Preece – 36th.

Other athletes secured the following places: Year-7: Jemma Viney – 92nd; Sophie Harpin – 102nd; Elizabeth Jarvis – 103rd.

Year 8 and 9: Laurie Thomas – 104th; Evie Williams, Natasha Johnson, Eleanor Morgan – 106th; Meg Langden-Cryer – 100th; Ffion Hopkin – 94th; Sophie Thomas – 95th.

Year 10-13: Georgia Kemeys – 44th; Alyson Bater – 47th.

Cross country

THE boys took part in the cross country first league event held at Trelai Park, Ely, Cardiff.

Year-7 boys (250 runners): 6, Dewi Bennett; 14, Jay Munn; 19, Sean Davies; 22, Luke Jeffries; 46, Joseph Nott; 57, Joseph Peterson; 82, Harrison Stevens; 83, Jacob Roberts; 95, Jacob Bunt; 113, Owain Leyshon; 166, Luke Johnson-Brown.

Year 8 and 9 (225 runners): 17, Ellis Rosser; 18, Tom Owen; 34, Rian Thomas; 47, Huw Bennett; 58, Alex Love; 67, Geraint Boyd; 75, Alex Guard; 83, Scott Thomas; 87, Toby Walker; 89, Liam Martin; 90, George Griffiths; 117, Cai Allin; 123, Miles Davies; 134, Miles Jenkins; 136, Harri Thomas; 141, Joe Russell; 142, Zac Summerhayes.

Year 10 to 13 (180 runners): 35, Rhys Griffin; 58, Scott Laken; 63, Tom Morgan; 65, Jason Sami; 81, Chris Powell; 90, Will Rosser; 95, Adam Hewitt; 113, Jake Walker; 114, Stuart Fleming; 115, Lewys Jones; 117, Adam Munn; 121, Harri Trotman; 122, Daniel Newman.

Seren Allin.

Miriam Bennett.

Team results will be known at the second league race taking place on October 13.

Rugby

Year-7 v Llantwit league match, Cowbridge won 55-0.

Tries by James Holder (2), Sean Davies (3), Joseff Nott (1), Owain Leyshon (1), Joe Watt (1), Toff Patel (1), Jay Munn (1), Harrison Stevens (1).

Year-7 v Barry Comprehensive School second league match, Cowbridge won 53-0.

Tries by James Holder (1), Sean Davies (1), Daniel Bunney (1), Joseff Nott (2), Tom Evans-Williams (1), Toff Patel (1), Cai Evans (1 plus four conversions).

Year-8 v Llantwit league match, Cowbridge won 55-0.

Tries by John Harvey (1 plus four conversions), Joseph Treharne (2), Tom Trotman (1), Rian Thomas (1), Tom Lucas (1), Ben Jones (1), Fraser McGhan (1), Nathan Robson (1), Matthew Harper (one conversion).

Year-11 hockey

THIS was a tough first game against Bro Morgannwg, as injury and illness left the team short and without a goalkeeper.

The numbers were made up thanks to Mairi Boxall, Anna Wynne and Liz Whitehouse. During the first half, the team played really well and were attacking most of the time, resulting in a lovely goal from Rachel Bradshaw.

However, Bro Morgannwg were strong and Cowbridge were 2-1 down at half-time.

The second half was disappointing – two goals were narrowly missed by Rachel and the opponents scored two more goals in the last 10 minutes.

Final score: 4-1. Players of the match were Katie Wynne and Beatrix Hawker, who gallantly stepped in as goalkeepers for the game.

Llangan pupils enjoy MP's question time

LLANGAN Primary School started its centenary celebrations by welcoming the area's Parliamentary and Assembly representatives – MP Alun Cairns and AM Jane Hutt.

Alun Cairns entertained the morning assembly with a talk about Parliament.

The school, which marks its official centenary in 2011, has undergone a transformation in the last few years with a new hall, nursery, reception, and Year-1 and 2 classroom.

An outdoor classroom has also been developed so the children can take advantage of the fresh air while learning.

Jane Hutt was able to see the facilities and meet the headteacher, Mary Noyes, and also a past pupil, the GEM's local community correspondent Nancy Davidge.

Alun Cairns also visited the school before the pupils' planned visit to Parliament in November.

Jane Hutt AM with headteacher Mary Noyes (right) and Nancy Davidge.

He attended the morning assembly, telling the children about his role as MP and explaining some of the things they will see on their tour. The children had prepared some searching questions and were fascinated with his talk.

Mr Cairns explained: "It was a real privilege to be able to join the whole school in their morning assembly and be given a chance to talk with the children about Parliament – their understanding and knowledge of the role of an MP and the work that takes place in Westminster was excellent.

"I was particularly impressed by the in-depth questions the pupils asked about policies and funding issues.

"It is terrific to see so many young people so obviously interested and keen to understand the role of Parliament and its effect on all our lives. The questions kept on coming non-stop.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting them all again in London, where they'll have another chance to quiz me about my role and what happens in Parliament after they've toured the Palace of Westminster, visited the Chambers and completed their learning workshop – perhaps we'll find a future politician among them!"

Alun Cairns was then delighted to present some children with 'Star of the Week' certificates for their good work, kindness or politeness.

Both Jane Hutt and Alun Cairns supported the school's efforts to develop a car-park, having already fought for traffic control measures outside the school.

A school spokesperson explained: "Even with flashing speed displays and clearly marked signs, too many cars and lorries are still travelling well over the speed limit."

Parade go-ahead

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The Fashion Lunch on the Friday is a sell out but there are still tickets available for the various fashion shows taking place in the Town Hall on the Saturday.

They get underway at 11am with a bridal show by High Society and hair by Hair Business.

At 12pm, Pebble and Scallywags join forces to stage a show featuring adult and children's clothes. Children's shoes will also be modelled from Liquorice and Laces. Hair will be by Fich and Ramous.

At 1pm, Woodcocks, L'Armoire, Ushi's and Jon Ian will feature ladies and men's clothes.

Eye Candy has the 2pm show with Happy Days Vintage Collection featured at 3pm. Hair is by Marooned.

The sunglasses in all shows is supplied by Robert Lloyd opticians.

Tickets for these shows are available from the individual shops. There are also some tickets left for the gala dinner on the Saturday night at The Bear.

Waste disposal concerns

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The concerns of people in villages in close proximity to Llandow can be judged by the fact that more than 120 people from the Vale packed into a public meeting held at St Tydfil's Church, Llysworney, recently to discuss what it would mean if waste was transported into the Vale from Newport and Carmarthen.

Since that meeting, the Vale's MP Alun Cairns said he had received dozens of letters and emails from concerned local residents.

Mr Cairns said: "Since calling the meeting, my office has been deluged with letters from residents and businesses based in Llysworney, Llandow and surrounding villages.

"Each and every one of these will be passed on to the planning department at the Vale Council as they assess each of the planning applications.

"The potential increased number of HGVs that would travel along roads that aren't suitable for such traffic is alarming.

"I have spoken with the planning office and have asked that they consider all three applications at the same time – as collectively they would have a huge impact in changing the nature of this part of the Vale. I don't want the Vale to become a waste management centre for south Wales."

Mr Cairns added: "I would urge as many people as possible to register their concerns with the planning department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and you can find out how to register your views, and find the details on each of the planning applications, at www.aluncairns.com."

PETERSTON ORGAN FESTIVAL GIVES VIRTUOSOS THEIR CHANCE TO SHINE

PHOTOGRAPHS by IAN DIXON

THE week of October 6–10 was devoted to the Peterston-super-Ely Organ festival, and it was hailed a great success by local residents and church music enthusiasts alike.

The festival raises money to finance future maintenance on the organ at St Peter's Church – an instrument that has been extensively restored in recent years.

Festival director James Bull was aided by a large number of local volunteers, and the musical programme, which featured Robert Court, David Butler, Louise Smith, vocal group Serenata, played to full houses.

The week climaxed on the Saturday with a recital by Carlo Curley, one of the world's foremost concert organists.

On the Friday evening, concert-goers were treated to a supper and, as with all events during the week, funds raised were put aside to keep the church organ in tip top condition.

ABOVE: Festival director James Bull with virtuoso Carlo Curley (front).

ABOVE: Vale AM Jane Hutt with James Bull, Rachel Lewis, and some of the organisers

ABOVE: Vale MP Alun Cairns and St Peter's Vicar Rachel Lewis.

The local community is inspired by bravery of Tobias, (aged 6)

ABOVE: Tobias sitting up in his chair at Addenbrooke's Hospital earlier this week.

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE mother of a young six-year-old boy, who was paralysed in a car accident earlier this summer, has spoken of his 'brave and inspiring' nature.

Tobias Lunnon is currently in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge with his mother Fiona at his side.

Over the last few weeks people in Barry have been fundraising for Tobias, first to supply him with a laptop on which he can communicate with his school friends at Ysgol Gwaun y Nant, but also to provide him with items he will need over the coming months.

Fiona told The GEM: "I wanted to send you a picture of Tobias in his little armchair at the hospital. He finds it comfortable but it is scary being lifted in the sling.

"He is eating very well, and enjoys sticky toffee pudding and custard for dessert which is his favourite!

"There is no change in his overall condition but I am still hopeful for some sort of recovery, as he is young and strong and still growing.

"He is still amazingly cheeky and chatty with everyone, and strong and brave – a truly fabulous child who is so inspiring.

"I want to thank everyone for their continuous support for Tobias."

Tracey Smith of Steve Nicholls Estate Agents, whose son Joshua was a friend of Tobias at Ysgol Gwaun y Nant in Barry, has led the fundraising efforts.

She said: "I can announce that Cafe Continental's Shadows Cabaret Bar on Barry Island is going to host a special event for Tobias on November 13, from 8pm until late.

"Tickets are £10 and include a buffet. The evening will include entertainment, an auction and raffle.

"AJ of Bro Radio will be singing and a local band Brother Steve will perform too.

"Natalie Braithwaite of British Gas is looking to raise up to £1,000 for Tobias to provide toys and equipment.

"One thing we're hoping to get is a special tracker system which enables paralysed people to use a Play Station using their eyes."

Tracey has been amazed at the energetic response of the community to the six-year-old's plight.

She said: "A young girl at Barry Island Primary School, Molly Heffernan, who is 10 years old, is designing tickets and flyers for the fundraising evening.

"I'd like to thank a woman who came into the estate agents the other day and left a white envelope containing £100, and a man who left a cheque for £10.

"Costcutters on Merthyr Dyfan road is sponsoring one of the tables at Cafe Continental at a cost of £20.

"Collecting buckets for Tobias are also at the Millwood Inn and Fountains Cafe. Claire Ryan of 'Blue Hair Design Penarth and Sully' has said the company will help in the fundraising."

Tickets for the Cafe Continental evening on November 13 can be purchased at Steve Nicholls Estate Agents at 15 High Street, Barry or at Cafe Jazz also in High Street. Cheque donations to the fund should be made payable to Tobias Lunnon.

Victory for local boxer

Boxer Lee Dixon.

RECENTLY, Lee Dixon of Llantwit Major Boxing Club boxed at the Tondu Cricket Club for the 91kg CYP (Old Boys Clubs) Welsh title – he was boxing Jordan Jones of Port Talbot, who he had lost to in the semis last year.

The bout got off to a good start, with Lee beating Jones to the punch in the opening exchanges using his reach advantage over the shorter, more experienced Port Talbot boxer.

However, as the bout went on Jones tried to cancel out the advantage by coming in close and holding on, which made the bout turn messy.

Both boxers showed signs of tiredness in the last round, but Lee hung on to win on a unanimous points decision.

Lee now goes on to represent Wales in the quarter-finals of the British CYPs in Portsmouth on October 24, together with fellow club mate Dan Ruffle.

Lance Cooksley and Dale John of Llantwit Major ABC, have been selected to represent a Southern Division Wales team of 10 boxers to box a team at Combe Martin, North Devon, this Saturday (October 16). Micky Dixon is a team trainer and Tony Meakin is manager.

The club welcomes new members male and female from nine years. For more information on training times, telephone Micky on 07970 394966.

'Patients are left in wards on trolleys,' SAY ANGRY NURSES

by JAYNE ISAAC

BED shortages at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend have resulted in patients being left on trolleys as ward managers scour the hospital for patients who can be discharged and their beds released.

The hospital started a new system, which came into effect last week, in response to the target which states that patients should wait on trolleys in Accident and Emergency for no more than eight hours.

The solution put forward under the 'Capacity Escalation Plan' is to move the trolleys from A and E to a ward where a bed may become available.

This will be done after the patient has been waiting on a trolley for more than seven hours – but before the eight-hour waiting time target is breached.

The new system has come in as the hospital is in the process of closing a further 10 medical beds in wards five and six. In all, the Bridgend area has lost 200 hospital beds over the past 20 years, despite an ageing population and increasing numbers of residents.

The scheme states that this action should be taken if other options such as diverting people to other hospitals and using the hospital's Short Stay Unit for low risk patients are not possible.

The patients waiting on trolleys will go to wards where discharges are expected. They will then go into the newly vacated bed – a practice now known as 'hot-bedding', which doctors have warned can lead to increases in the number of cases of hospital acquired infections.

Patients will be given a clinical risk assessment by the nurse in charge of A and E to see if they are suitable for transfer on a trolley.

They will then be formally handed over by A and E to the receiving ward.

The new system was launched on Monday, October 4, and will last for four weeks, with weekly reviews during this period. It will then be evaluated.

However, the scheme has angered nurses, who have contacted The GEM.

They said that the first they knew about it was last week when patients were taken to Ward 6 on trolleys by hospital managers.

The trolleys are left somewhere on the ward and patients have no privacy as there are no curtained cubicles available for them should they need a bed pan.

Staff say that nurse numbers have already been reduced, but their workload has increased as they will now have extra people to look after who need to be monitored, given meals, drinks and medication.

There is no indication of how many hours in total patients may be left on trolleys.

It is also claimed that the scheme has been devised by managers who have no clinical skills.

● The heating at the Princess of Wales Hospital remains switched off, although it would have been activated on October 1.

Staff claim that they have been told to give out extra blankets to patients who complain of the cold, but they have now run out of blankets.

It is understood that the delay in switching on the heating is to save money.

A spokesman for ABM Health Board said that the Capacity Escalation Plan had been introduced to enhance patient flow at all hospitals and to ensure that ambulances are off-loaded quickly.

The aim is to free up areas within A and E so that patients can be offloaded from ambulances and assessed.

When the emergency department becomes full, patients awaiting admission to specific wards may be moved to wards only when an inpatient on that ward has been deemed fit for discharge or transfer.

The statement went on: "There are a small number of areas within the hospital identified where patients can wait in comfortable surroundings and these will be utilised first whenever possible."

The board has denied that patients on trolleys will be put into store cupboards while waiting for a bed.

The hospital has also re-opened 10 additional in-patient beds temporarily. A third consultant in acute medicine has been appointed to increase response times and emergency nurse practitioners have been employed within the Emergency Department at key times.

With regard to the heating issue, the board confirmed that October 1 was the usual date for switching on the heating but the recent unusually warm weather prompted a decision not to switch the heating on.

As temperatures have now dropped, the heating has been switched on. The disruption in the supply of blankets has now been resolved and there are plenty in stock.

St Brides' pupils get to climb aboard a fire engine!

INFANT pupils at St Brides Major are busily learning about the 'Great Fire of London.'

There was great excitement recently when the children were visited by local firemen and their fire engine. The children listened attentively while they heard all about fighting fire, and they asked some great questions at the end of the presentation. The teacher dressed up in a fireman's outfit too!

Later, the children were able to climb aboard the fire engine and got a chance to use the hose! A great time was had by one and all! Thank you firemen!

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'Cash office' retained as housing stock

LLANTWIT town councillors have welcomed a change of heart on the part of the Vale Council regarding the former cash office in the town.

The office, which has been closed, was created in a former council house.

Initially, town councillors were told that the building would be sold off but the Vale has now changed its mind and decided to retain it as part of the council housing stock.

This news was welcomed by Coun Russell Downe who was one of those campaigning for it to be returned to the housing stock.

"The Vale Council has now put in an application for it to revert back to a residential dwelling," he said.

"I hope that this means it will become available for somebody on the waiting list. We have a dire shortage of family homes in Llantwit and even one extra will make a difference."

Coun Downe said he hopes that the house will be made available as soon as conversion work has been completed.

"I understand that they may keep it as a sort of show house for a while but that's crazy when families need homes now. There's a shortage of affordable rented property throughout the Vale and long waiting lists. This house is desperately needed now.

"If we could not keep it as a cash office then the next best thing if for it to be used as a house."

Vale council set to improve access point.

NEWS that the Vale Council is to begin work to improve the shared access to Llantwit Major's surgery, library and rugby club has been welcomed.

AM Andrew RT Davies, who is a regional member for South Wales Central, had lobbied the council to upgrade this access after inspecting it for himself.

He said: "The harsh winter of 2009-2010 took its toll on the roads of Llantwit but the entrance to the surgery and club was in a particularly bad state of repair.

"With such a well used access, any further deterioration could have potentially caused accidents and damage to vehicles."

The access is jointly owned by the council and the rugby club and Mr Davies worked closely with town mayor Ralph Austin who is also a leading member of the rugby club.

He added: "I want to thank Coun Austin for highlighting this problem to me and also to the Vale Council for taking such swift action."

Electronic key fob is found in pocket

POLICE have reported that an electronic key fob for a vehicle was found on October 7 in the pocket of an item donated to the Tenovus shop at Cowbridge.

It could have been lost by the person donating the clothing or someone trying the garment on, and has been handed into Cowbridge police station.

"Contact Sylvia on 01656 869450, or call at the station during office hours between Monday and Friday if you think it might belong to you," a spokesperson said.

Send your news to: ggem@internet-today.co.uk

Barry woman found with 5,000 Valium tablets on her

by AJ SICLUNA

WHEN police officers went to a flat in Barry they discovered nearly 5,000 Valium tablets worth £3,700 in the possession of a woman.

At Cardiff Crown Court, mother of one Nicola Payne (41) admitted possessing the tablets with intent to supply, possessing, and supplying them.

Prosecutor David Thomas said that on April 7, the police went to the Barry flat and saw Payne who said "I've got Valium". She said she would supply Valium to others and would take some for herself.

Three years before, she said, she had been a heroin addict and took Valium to help her relax.

Her counsel, Ruth Smith, said that only days before the court hearing, Payne had suffered the death of a close family member.

"She made full admissions and was a custodian of the drugs. She has had problems with drug addiction, is currently on methadone and recognises she needs assistance. She needs help to wean herself off Valium."

Judge Christopher Vosper said she plainly had significant problems.

He sentenced her to a one year community order involving supervision for one year.

ANYSHA'S WELCOME DONATION TO LOCAL DISABLED RIDING GROUP

VALE teenager Anysha Panesar, who recently won the title 'America's Perfect Teen', took time out of her busy schedule to visit Bridgend County Group, Riding for the Disabled Association at their new home on Bridgend College (Pencoed Campus).

During her visit Anysha presented Ann Powell, a trustee of the group with a cheque for £102.

Anysha (16) explained: "This wonderful charity gives less able bodied children and adults the opportunity to experience the freedom of companionship that only horse-riding can give while having valuable therapy for their condition."

Ann Powell commented: "We are very grateful to Anysha for this contribution. Fund raising is always a major challenge as we are a totally self-funding group.

"Presently, sixty children and young adults benefit from weekly riding lessons. We are hoping to increase this number, as we have a waiting list of prospective riders, including an inquiry regarding referrals from the Princess of Wales Hospital.

"However, we need both the finance and the volunteers in place before we can expand our services."

If you would like to become a volunteer or make a donation to the group email BridgendRDA@hotmail.com.

RIDING GROUP DELIGHTED WITH CHARITABLE CHEQUE

LEFT: Pictured left to right: Victoria Powell, Anysha Panesar, Jady Evans riding Patches and Ann Powell, trustee.

Bone health group to visit Cowbridge

THE Barry and Vale of Glamorgan Friends of the National Osteoporosis Society Group is holding its first meeting in Cowbridge on Tuesday, October 19 at 7pm, in the Lesser Hall.

Dr Jane Turton and Sister Rosamund Broadbent of the Bone Research Unit at Llandough Hospital will present a medical update about osteoporosis.

Statistics suggest that one in two women and one in five men over the age of 50 will fracture a bone, mainly because of osteoporosis.

Dr Turton will offer information about the condition and what you can do to ensure that you keep your bones as healthy as possible.

All are welcome, whether diagnosed or simply interested. Entrance is £1, which includes tea/coffee; there will also be a raffle.

For more information, contact Gwyneth Thomas (01443 238563).

Bishop returns for Education Mass

EVERY year, the Archdiocese of Cardiff likes to say thank you to all those who work in Catholic education by celebrating Mass, and this year the Mass is to be held at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School today, Thursday October 14.

The diocese is particularly pleased to welcome Bishop Edwin Regan from Wrexham to be the main celebrant at the annual Mass for Schools and Colleges.

St Richard Gwyn is delighted that this honour has fallen to the school this year as Bishop Regan was their chair of governors when he was parish priest in Barry.

He last said Mass in the school in 2001 when he was administrator of the diocese before the last archbishop was appointed.

The Mass starts at 7.30pm in the newly-refurbished school sports hall and is followed by light refreshments.

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PACT meetings

BUTTRILLS PACT, Philip John Community Room, Barry Library, on October 21 at 6.30pm.

ILLTYD PACT, The Mount Sorrel Hotel, Porthkerry Road, Barry, on October 27 at 7pm.

BARUC PACT, St Francis Millennium Centre, Park Road, Barry, on October 28 at 7pm.

PENDOYLAN Community Council meeting, Pendoylan School, on October 14 at 7.45pm.

LLANDOW PACT, Ewenny Village Hall, on October 20 at 7pm.

WENVOE Community Council Meeting, on October 21 at 7.30pm.

LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT, Llantwit Major Leisure Centre, on October 26 at 7pm.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY Coffee & Chat meeting, the Three Horseshoes, on October 25 at 5.30pm.

BONVILSTON Coffee & Chat meeting, the Red Lion, Bonvilston, on October 26 at 10.30am.

SULLY PACT, the Jubilee Hall, on October 14 at 8.15pm.

LLANDOUGH PACT, Llandough Memorial Hall, on October 18 at 7pm.

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FOLLOW THE (Vale) LEADER

PLANNING TO COPE WITH THE SPENDING CUTS!

by Coun **GORDON KEMP** Leader of the Vale Council

THE Comprehensive Spending Review is awaited by everyone in the public sector, with a mixture of concern and determination to rise to the challenge of making savings while protecting frontline services.

We know there will be cuts, but as I write my column we do not know how severe these will be, or consequently the effect on public services in the Vale.

The Welsh Assembly Government will announce the provisional settlement for local government on November 23. Budget cuts are necessary to cut the national deficit and we are ready for the challenge, however we hope we do not find that local authorities are hit disproportionately.

The council's medium term financial plan was presented to cabinet in September and is based on a planning assumption of a three per cent cash cut in revenue funding from the Welsh Assembly Government each year for the next three years.

The real cut will be greater than this, as when inflation is taken into account, the shortfall could be more than five per cent per annum in real terms.

Our plan identifies a predicted revenue funding shortfall for 2011/12 alone of £14.25 million, with the prospect of similar shortfalls in future years. We are already working to identify areas for significant savings.

It should be noted that the overall predicted shortfall to 2013/14 is £39.1 million, which equates to almost 20 per cent of the council's net budget requirement for 2010/11.

I believe we are as well placed as any council to meet the financial challenge. The Vale is a well managed council and I'm pleased to say this has again been recognised externally, with the council placed second in a league table of Welsh councils published this month.

As our chief executive John Maitland Evans said, when he welcomed our success in the league table: "The Vale has a consistently good track record in delivering cost-effective services, particularly given the fact that we are a low-spending council.

"As with most councils, our performance can vary across the wide range of services we deliver, but overall we are performing well. This is shown in the 2009 public opinion survey, where 92 per cent of residents surveyed were satisfied overall with Vale council services."

Budget cuts will undoubtedly affect the services we offer and I can't promise residents they won't notice changes in what we provide.

What I can promise is that we will do everything in our power to minimise cuts to frontline services, especially services used by the most vulnerable in the Vale, and we will maximise savings and continue to work to improve efficiency.

Football fundraiser aims to help young mum Nicole after brain tumour shock

A CHARITY football match between the Swansea City All Stars and Sinclair Group is to take place this Sunday, (October 17), to raise funds for a young mother who has recently been diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Nicole Blower, from Maesteg, underwent an emergency caesarean with her first child on the same day the 23-year-old was diagnosed with a serious brain tumour.

For the past four years, Nicole has worked at Sinclair in Bridgend as a customer service advisor.

She now faces an intensive course of radiotherapy and chemotherapy treatment to reduce the tumour.

The organisers of the event, Sinclair Volkswagen and Sinclair Van Centre, are inviting families and football fans to the match, which will star former Welsh international and Swansea City players, including Colin Pascoe and Alan Curtis.

VIP tickets to Cardiff City, the Swans, signed sporting memorabilia and champagne will form part of a raffle on the day.

All proceeds from the event will go to help support Nicole and her family.

Clive Williams, the operations manager at Sinclair Volkswagen explained: "This is such a traumatic time for Nicole and her husband, Stefan.

"We felt such a strong desire to lend our support that we organised the charity match. Our aim is to have a sell out game.

"Stefan has given up work to look after Nicole and their newborn baby, Harvey, and we hope the funds raised will go towards helping them enjoy some very special moments together during this difficult time."

The game kicks off at 2.30pm at Bryntirion AFC on Llangewydd Road. Tickets cost £2 per person (or £5 for a family) and can be purchased by calling 01656 668844 or by emailing *helpnicole@sinclair-group.co.uk*

Mr Williams added: "Nicole was 36 weeks pregnant when she collapsed with serious headaches.

"Her healthy baby boy, Harvey, was born prematurely by an emergency caesarean section and within 24 hours, Nicole had undergone two major operations to remove the tumour. She is now going through a programme of chemotherapy and radiotherapy."

ABOVE: Nicole Blower (middle) at work before her shock diagnosis.

Cardiff Airport to remain 'operational' during training

CARDIFF Airport is holding an emergency training exercise on Saturday, October 16, between 9am and 4pm in which all local emergency services will participate.

The training, in line with the licensing requirements of the Civil Aviation Authority is an opportunity for all airport partners and the emergency services to test and measure response procedures should an incident occur.

Various partners including Cardiff Airport employees, Serco Fire Services, Servisair, ICTS, Emcor, NATS, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, South Wales Police and South Wales Ambulance Service will participate.

To avoid causing undue alarm to passengers and local residents the emergency vehicles involved will not be using blue lights when responding.

The airport will remain fully operational during the exercise.

Stars will celebrate opening of SCATS Farm and Country

SCATS Farm and Country will officially open its first store in Wales on Wednesday, October 20, followed by a celebratory event for the whole community on Saturday, October 30, from 10am-4pm, at which staff and customers will be joined by BBC presenter Julia Bradbury and Warren Gatland, head coach of Wales.

Julia Bradbury is the presenter of Countryfile and well known for her passion for the British countryside.

She will be giving talks on her love of the countryside and recent adventures around the country, as well as signing autographs and taking part in the day's activities.

Julia said: "I'm really excited to be joining customers and colleagues to celebrate the opening of SCATS Farm and Country in Bridgend. It's sure to be a fun packed day for the whole family."

Warren Gatland will give a short talk, followed by a question and answer session and meet fans and sign autographs.

Highlights throughout the day include two performances by Kath Hardman and her incredible dancing dog Spice, international winner of Crufts Freestyle.

Kath will also be on hand to provide tips on dog training for SCATS' customers throughout the day.

Sheepdog handler, Meirion Owen, will showcase the amazing talents of border collies and the communication between handler and dog with his 'Quack Pack' sheep dog and Indian Runner duck demonstrations.

Customers will also be able to enjoy regional food and drink tastings from local Bridgend suppliers, as well as special open day offers.

The 3.2 acre site provides a huge range of goods and services for farmers and rural dwellers.

Justin Lewis, SCATS Farm & Country store manager, said: "We're really looking forward to this fantastic open day event, which promises to be exciting, entertaining and informative.

"We really hope that local people in and around Bridgend come to our grand opening event where they'll be able to learn more about the ranges of products and services we offer as well as meeting our special guests Julia Bradbury and Warren Gatland."

The store is located in a prominent position on the Brackla Industrial Estate in Bridgend with easy access from Junction 36 of the M4.

Local choir needs men to help 'swell the ranks'

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Many of the songs are arranged especially for the choir by Stuart Edwards, and it specialises in singing a capella (without accompaniment).

In January 2011, the choir will be celebrating its tenth anniversary, and with a busy programme of concerts, cathedral services and Christmas events between now and then, more men are needed to swell the ranks.

Rehearsals are held in Penarth at 8pm on Wednesdays. If you sing tenor or bass and are able to read music, or if you would like the Spectrum Singers to sing at your event, please contact secretary@spectrumsingers.org.uk or go to voicemail at 07855 718109.

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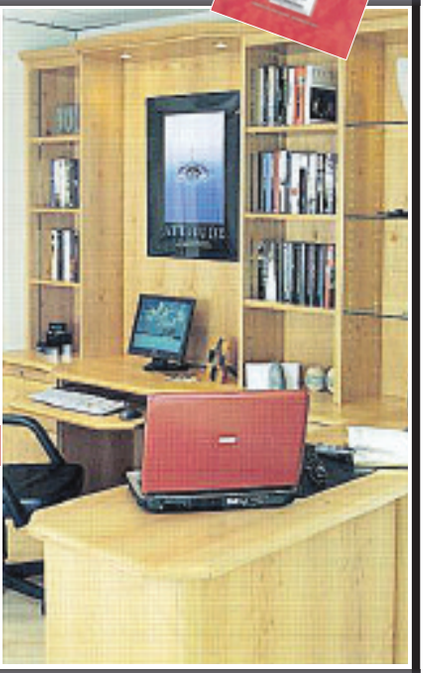

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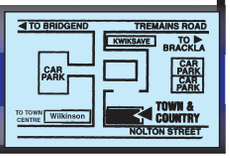

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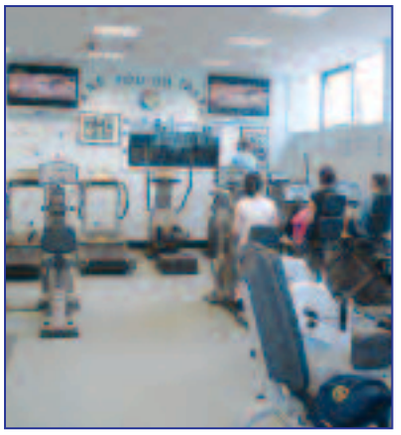

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The staff and pupils of Bryn Hafren welcome parents and children to our Open Week…

Our open evening will be held on Thursday 21st October 6pm-8pm. There will be a formal welcome by Head Teacher Mr Phil Whitcombe at both 6pm and 7pm. You are invited to attend either session followed by a guided tour of the school.

The open mornings on 18th, 19th, 20th of October are a wonderful opportunity to see the school in action during the working day and to experience the quality of education and care of which the school is so proud. All prospective parents are welcome, no appointments necessary.

Examination Success:

Head Teacher, Mr Phil Whitcombe, is delighted with the academic performance of pupils in recent years. In the last year there has been a 8% rise in the number of pupils gaining 5 or more A* to Cs at GCSE level. The value added is exceptionally high and the school is performing at the highest benchmark levels, pupil performance, at all stages, is well above LEA targets.

Curriculum:

Bryn Hafren offers a rich, broad and balanced curriculum with lessons being taught in modern high specification rooms. The school has recently refurbished many areas including Science Laboratories, ICT suites, the Art Department, Food Technology and Learning Resource Centre. Recent building additions include a Hair and Beauty suite and an Astro Turf area. The curriculum has further been enhanced by the addition of Wider Key Skills at KS3, giving pupils an equivalent of 2 GCSEs at grade B. The Welsh Baccalaureate is studied in KS4 and KS5, giving the pupils additional and vital qualifications as they move into further education or employment. The provision of extra curricular activities is an outstanding feature of the school and extends pupils' learning experiences.

Pastoral Care:

The school is very proud of the pastoral care given to all pupils. We strive to create a happy, working atmosphere where all pupils are valued and encouraged to fulfil their potential. The Year Heads and Form Tutor system offers good support and guidance in a caring community. Progress is monitored and individual pupils are encouraged to achieve academic success in a fully inclusive environment. The school works closely with parents via Form Tutor and Parents' Evenings through the year. In addition the school welcomes individual contact with parents as required.

The King and I – The Performing Arts Department produced a highly successful production of the King and I, pupils in all year groups were involved. The production gained the school the best overall youth production in South Wales at the Glammie Awards.

Science – One of the newly refurbished Science Laboratories

Food Technology – has two new practical rooms.

Awards ceremony – All pupils are regularly rewarded for good attendance, effort improvement and excellence in lessons.

The Learning Resource Centre is available for pupil use before school, break and lunchtimes as well as after school.

VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Tackling the rise of 'compensation culture'

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

HOW many times have you heard the excuse "we can't do that because of health & safety"?

We've all witnessed or been subject to the unnecessary burden of the constraints of health and safety regulations, either in our workplaces or within our communities.

From trainee hairdressers not allowed to use scissors in a classroom, to various parades in Cowbridge and elsewhere not being able to take place due to the more onerous demands of risk assessments and health and safety legislation.

When Lord Young launched his review of Britain's health and safety legislation three months ago, he promised that a "common sense" approach would guide him.

His report investigates concerns over the application and perception of health and safety legislation, together with the rise of the compensation culture over the last decade.

I understand that the report will sweep away red tape and offer new freedom to employers, employees and the huge range of community and voluntary organisations that work so hard within the Vale.

The rise of compensation culture over the last 10 years is a real concern, and I've heard from many residents in the Vale of incidents where staff felt unable to help others, simply because they were not insured to perform such simple tasks as lifting a buggy for a mother, for fear of an accident and subsequent legal claim.

It would be a great victory for common sense for those individuals who try to do the right thing – those 'good Samaritan' situations – if they knew they weren't at risk from potential personal injury claims.

This would be good news for the NHS and other public sector organisations – as well as private companies. Schools within the Vale would also benefit, with a reduction in the number of forms that teachers have to fill in before going on trips.

We'd see a massive change across the Vale, as community events such as street parties or firework displays would find it much easier to gain permission and arrange safe events for residents to enjoy.

The annual Christmas Reindeer Parade in Cowbridge was in jeopardy this year, as a result of traffic control, policing and risk assessment issues, but all involved have worked hard to ensure that any problems have been resolved.

The compensation culture has been gathering pace, fuelled by the recession, and many other events have sadly fallen by the wayside.

A common sense approach to the interpretation and implementation of health and safety regulation is much needed.

We could all then enjoy colourful community events such as the carnival parades; children could play conkers without safety glasses at school and we could all fulfil our potential for goodwill and take responsibility for helping others within our community.

Zulus arrive in Llantrisant!

ABOVE: Members of the Vale Heritage Centre Coalition and the Western Front Association helped people research family histories at Llantrisant Leisure Centre.

THE Vale Heritage Centre Coalition joined forces with the Western Front Association last Saturday to bring a military flavour to the Glamorgan Family History Society open day at Llantrisant Leisure Centre.

Members of both groups were on hand to assist visitors with their family history research.

The South Wales branch of the WFA showed artefacts and weapons from the First World War and VHCC chairman Dr Jonathan Hicks, staged an exhibition of artefacts and illustrations of the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879.

On show was a replica Martini-Henry rifle – a film prop used in the movie *Zulu Dawn*.

"I was lucky enough to meet relatives of several members of the famous defence of Rorke's Drift (which was the inspiration for Stanley Baker's 1965 film *Zulu*), including a lady who thought she may be related to Private John Waters, who spent some of the battle hiding in a wardrobe wearing the former occupant's black coat!" said Dr Hicks.

"It was an excellent day and we received much support for our campaign for a heritage centre for the Vale of Glamorgan."

Further details of VHCC can be found on their website at: www.glamorganheritage.org

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The GEM is in partnership with the Dog's Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)

Young Mario is just super!

THIS week, a centre spokeswoman highlights Mario, a young Cairn Terrier who is "very bright, loves his toys and treats, and is a fast learner".

She said: "He is a real terrier – he loves a cuddle but only after a good run. He would like to live with another dog, and will be great fun for active adults or in a family with children eight years upwards."

For more information, call at Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, or telephone 01656 725219. You can also see Mario and some of his friends at www.dogstrust.org.uk

Super Mario!

GEM Railway stamp winners

THE 20 lucky winners of our recent Royal Mail stamps competition were:

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New flooring company is off to a flying start

FOR any new company, starting trading in uncertain economic conditions is always a nerve-jangling time – no matter how much planning has gone into the operation.

By PHILIP IRWIN

That was the case for Chris Wall and eight colleagues from Allied Carpets in Bridgend, when they decided to set up on their own.

The result was '2012 flooring' – a company which aims to retain all the good practice built up from years of experience, and then add a series of extras.

Chris told The GEM: "We decided that quality service and meeting our customers' needs should be at the heart of the business – and now a month after the launch, we are sure we got it right!

"The response to the launch has been both gratifying and reassuring. "We have definitely identified a great need, and new customers have been enthusiastic and supportive."

Chris said that the new company's emphasis on service had struck a chord with people, particularly the elderly and disabled.

He explained: "We offer free estimates, free delivery, and will uplift your old carpet. What is more, we will move any furniture that needs to be moved – and fit the cupboards."

A great deal of preparation went into the launch, with Chris and his colleagues refining and testing their systems in anticipation of the extra business that would come their way as potential customers became aware of 2012 flooring.

He said: "Customers are able to check out our website, decide on the product that interests them, and we will call round with a range of samples.'

The team are covering the Vale and Bridgend county borough, but they can also handle enquiries from Carmarthen across to Newport!

They have researched the market place, and have added to their knowledge and experience of all types of flooring, from carpets to wood, and from vinyl to laminates.

Finally, when the customer has made a decision, Chris is confident that their high standard of service will be a huge plus factor.

Chris added: "We would like to thank the people in the area who have responded so positively to this new business.

"It makes us feel that we have made the right decision, and that we can look forward to building strong business relationships with our customers."

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NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY

Indian summer gives bees an autumnal bonus!

WINTER is in the offing but the bees are still very active, thanks to the mild conditions we are experiencing.

Here at Fonmon, the ivy is providing forage for the bees along with the herb beds. Charlock that is in some of the fields around the apiary is also being used and much pollen is coming in.

I am still feeding the bees, as all this activity means expenditure of energy, which in its turn requires food to supply the energy.

Each of the hives is already well provided for, but stores will be consumed as long as the bees are active.

The feed I am supplying them with is a liquid one made by mixing sugar (white) with a measured amount of water. This is readily accepted by the bees, who will store it as if it was nectar that they had collected themselves. This syrup can only be fed to the bees while they are still active and able to process it to suit their needs. Once it is just so, the cells it has been stored in will be sealed with a wax capping, and there it will reside until the bees require it.

Certainly those who are new to beekeeping will have read in their books that all feeding should have been completed by the end of September. This has been the norm in times past and was sound advice. However, the weather and temperature are the dominant factors in all our dealings with the bees so we have to adjust accordingly.

The Varroa treatment is nearing its conclusion now. The second application has been carried out and I have taken some samples from the drawers underneath the wire-mesh floors. Dead mites are readily observable. I will be doing some counting which is more from curiosity than a requirement.

Treatment at this time of the year is by way of a commercial product APIGUARD, made up of a thymol extract to which chemicals have been added to give it a gel-like consistency.

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C/o Agent – **12 Spitzkop, Llantwit Major –** Single storey rear extension.

Mr David Pitt c/o Agent – **Park View, Bonvilston -** Change of use of land to form garden, single storey rear extension, single storey conservatory, relocation of fuel storage tank, single storey garage/store and amendments to the access and driveway.

Mrs Jane Butterworth - **23 Hickman Road, Penarth** - Install 60cm high iron railings to the front garden boundary: include removal of the hedgerow and new landscaping.

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VALE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER 'KITCHEN WASTE SERVICE' FOR ALL THE VALE

The Vale Council is advising its residents of new arrangements shortly to be introduced for the delivery of kitchen waste caddy liners.

There are currently 20,000 properties benefiting from the new kitchen waste service, which requires residents to use small, biodegradable cornstarch liners to store their kitchen waste prior to it being placed in an outdoor lockable kerbside container.

These liners have previously been replenished on a scheduled basis, through collections from local offices or via the ring and request service.

The council will shortly consider rolling out the kitchen waste service to the whole of the Vale and in light of this officers have reviewed these arrangements which, they consider, do not offer the most efficient form of delivery.

From November 1, residents taking part in the kitchen waste collection service who have five or less liners remaining are advised to loosely tie either a piece of cloth or one of their last remaining liners to the handle of their outdoor kerbside caddy on their collection day.

This will indicate to the collection crews that new liners are required and these will be deposited in the outdoor caddy along with the handle tie.

It's hoped that this new arrangement will be more reliable, will better ensure that residents always have a supply of cornstarch liners and that they're not inconvenienced by having to request liners in future.

The new delivery arrangements are based on the principle that no more than three liners will be used per week and the service will be reviewed at the end of 2011/2012.

Residents are reminded that old newspaper can be used as an alternative liner, though stocks of liners will continue to be available at various council offices for some time in the future.

As it should no longer be needed, the ring and request service will be discontinued from November 1.

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Bees enjoy their summer revival at the Fonmon Apiary!

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Two applications are required.

To apply it, you must open up the hive and break the seal on the container, this is then laid on top of the exposed frames making it accessible to the bees.

There are, of course, other treatments that can be applied later in the year or in the spring of the next year before the bees get into their productive cycle. Should it be necessary, I will use heated oxalic acid crystals. Used in this manner, a gas (for want of a better word) is released and it permeates the hive, killing off more mites.

Another way of using oxalic acid is to add it to your syrup (liquid sugar) and to trickle it over the bees in the hive, using a syringe to apply it. This latter method means that you have to open up the hive to expose the bees in their winter cluster, which is not something that I feel happy about.

Those that use it feel that it is a much safer approach than heating the crystals and therefore subjecting themselves to the gas given off by such a method.

My approach, using a dedicated roof containing the required pipe-work and the sealing of the hive entrance plus any suspect gaps, is on the whole much less intrusive and, providing that safety precautions are observed, compares well with the trickle approach.

Using chemicals of any kind to control the mites is not to be desired but for the present it is the only way we can help the bees to survive. For all the research that has been (and is being) carried out, we have not got rid of the mite nor developed any safe contamination free control applications.

Can the bees develop a host/parasite strategy? Perhaps, given time but do we have time?

HAROLD WILLIAMS

Christmas is coming at local garden centre!

THE countdown to Christmas in south Wales starts officially this month.

With around 70 shopping days left until the big event, Pyle Garden Centre at Heol Mostyn on Village Farm Industrial Estate is declaring its Christmas displays open to customers on October 16 and 17.

Acting manager, Ricky Williams said: "The event marks the start of our countdown to Christmas. We hope lots of people join us during the weekend to see our magical displays."

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Mr Ian Reed, Viyella - **52 High Street, Cowbridge** – new signage and internal shopfitting works.

Richard Hayward Properties – **Beach Cliff, The Esplanade, Penarth** – 5 residential units, restaurant/cafe and D2 assembly and leisure use.

Mr Gareth Beer - **Woodside, Westra, Dinas Powys** - Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

Mr Gwyn Davies - **The Old Vicarage, Pendoylan** - retention of two ponds.

Swanbridge Developments - **Land at Penarth Marina, Penarth** - erection of a class A3 (food and drink) cafe/bar/restaurant use on the ground floor, with class B1 (office) use above, together with associated car parking.

Robert Harris - **Colhugh Chine, Colhugh Street, Llantwit Major** - removal of Silver Birch and various other trees within front and rear gardens.

Miss Natalia Fumis - **4 Westward Rise, Barry** - loft conversion.

The Governing Body of Wick and Marcross School - **Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School, Church Street, Wick** - provision of new glazed freestanding canopy structure to south side of existing classrooms with associated paving and alteration works.

Ms Jill James - **West Farm, Southerndown, Nr Bridgend** - change of use of existing garage to multi-purpose function room together with side extensions and alteration to roof.

Mr Tim Murnane - **Llwyn Draen, Ystradowen, Cowbridge** - replacement dwelling with associated double garage, pool building and guest building, plus alterations and extension to domestic curtilage, being a revised scheme to planning consent 2009/01040/FUL.

Mr John Lott - **Hazeldene, Llancadle** - demolish existing ground floor conservatory and replace with sunroom.

Mr Phillip Baker - **10 Clos Tawe, Barry** - demolish garage and porch at 10 Clos Tawe and construct new dwelling in side garden.

Mr Jason Bishop - **19 Benecrofte Close, Rhoose** - Proposed granny annexe.

Tesco Stores Limited - **Former Mayflower Public House, Fontygary Road, Rhoose** - installation of roof mounted photo voltaic panel, outdoor air source heat pump and associated duct work.

Mr and Mrs C Webber - **61 Cosmeston Drive, Penarth** - single storey rear extension and new dormers in garage roof to create a store room in garage roofspace.

Mr James Gruffydd - **Downcross, House, Castle Street, Llantwit Major** - flood proofing.

Mr Julian Reed - **14 Village Farm, Bonvilston** - proposed first floor extension to provide additional bedroom with ensuite facilities.

Mr Wahid Khan - **6 Barry Road, Barry** - Change of use from vacant shop (empty 15 to 16 years) to fast food takeaway.

Ms Marie Farmer - **The Court, 4 Mount Pleasant, Cadoxton, Barry** - to alter internal arrangement of kitchen and dining room and renew/alter windows and back door to inner courtyard.

Ty Hafan Children's Hospice - **Ty Hafan, Hayes Road, Sully** - construction of external play area, to include construction of retaining wall between two levels.

Mr Christopher Bale - **10 Dannog y Coed, Pencoedtre Village, Barry** - retrospective application for erection of conservatory to rear elevation.

Dr Cameron Pleydell-Pearce - **Fernleigh, Seaview Drive, Ogmore-by-Sea** - alteration and extensions including provision of new roof structure and covering complete with dormers and rear balcony.

Mr Mike Simmonite - **Wilcot, Higher End, St Athan** - dwelling to infill plot.

Mr and Mrs MG Tollerfield - **19 Upper Cosmeston Farm, Penarth** - extensions to dwelling.

Mr Kelvin Howley - **4 Frampton Lane, Llantwit Major** - single storey extension to side and rear of property.

Mr Neill O'Donovan - **10 Robin Hill, Dinas Powys** - single storey extension for kitchen at rear of property.

Mr Anthony Williams - **8 Sandy Lane, Ystradown** - extend conservatory at ground floor and construct a bedroom and bathroom extension above, and construct a single storey store room to the side of property.

Mr E Williams - **24 Heol Neuadd, Cogan** - three dormers to the rear roof slope and three velux roof lights to the front roof slope.

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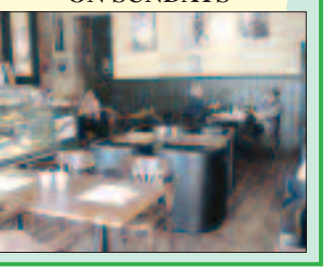

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Local Cadets pay homage to those who fell

AIR Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron, Adam Wood, Megan Palmer-Wood, Carl Chaplin, Charles Adams, Megan Hamblin and Geraint Franklin, recently travelled to Europe to pay homage to those who lost their lives in two world wars, along with Air Cadets from Caerleon, Penarth, Ely and Blackwood.

The visit took place over a long weekend in October and encompassed the war memorials and battlefields of Ypres Salient, in Belgium, and those of the Somme, in France.

The cadets stayed as guests of the Belgium Army in Ypres and during their time were able to witness members of the local fire brigade performing the moving 'Last Post' ceremony at the Menin Gate.

As a sign of respect, Cadet Megan Hamblin laid a poppy wreath on behalf of the squadron.

Cadet Adam Wood said: "We also went to Dunkirk to see where the evacuation took place. When you stand on the beach, it's amazing to think that in May 1940, all those people came in all sorts of boats, big and small, to save the servicemen and to try to get them home."

The Cadets also visited the Canadian War Memorial, Vimy Ridge, 38th Welsh Division Memorial, Mametz Wood and the memorial at Thiepval, which is dedicated to the 73,367 missing men of the Somme.

The Cadets paid their respects to the war dead at the following cemeteries: Tyne Cot, Passchendaele, and Langemarck.

"It was a very busy few days with an enormous amount of travelling. However, the Cadets all felt that it was a worthwhile and emotional experience. Seeing the battlefields and memorials at first hand brings history closer to our present and not just left in the past.

"These men who died for their countries will not be forgotten by the Cadets."

The Air Cadets are now looking forward to an action packed and challenging training programme including flying, gliding, shooting, sport, Duke of Edinburgh, leadership training and aviation related visits.

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COUNCILLOR SUPPORTS ONE-WAY STREET

RESIDENTS of a busy Barry road are threatening to close the road off unless the Vale of Glamorgan Council acts upon their request to make it one-way.

The residents of Hannah Street are so fed up with vehicles using their residential road as a major thoroughfare to other parts of the town, they are desperately calling on the council to act.

The road has become very congested and grid-locked at times and due to the tight squeeze, cars, buses and lorries either get stuck in the road or damage cars.

Residents are now calling on the Vale Council to make the road one-way which they believe will be safer.

Residents are now even considering blocking the road off at peak times in a bid to get the council to urgently do something for them.

Local councillor for the area, Richard Bertin, said: "I fully understand and support the residents in their bid to make the road one-way.

"I hope the council will listen to the concerns of the residents and make the road one-way without delay."

He added: "I have been out and about talking with the residents about this matter and have been collecting a petition which I will present to the council."

Dr Archbishop comes to town!

HOLY Cross Church will be playing host to a special visitor this Sunday (October 17) as the Archbishop of Wales attends the parish service.

The morning service, at 10am, will be the only service held next Sunday in the Benefice, so that as many parishioners as possible can come to hear Dr Barry Morgan speak.

A parish spokeswoman said: "Members of all churches and all denominations – or none – are very welcome.

"The service will be followed by light refreshments with an opportunity to talk to the Archbishop."

Christmas Party Guide

THE VALE AND BRIDGEND OFFERS GREAT CHOICE FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

THAT time of year is coming closer – the season of parties and events to mark the festive season.

While the office or workplace party can be the highlight of the year – it can also be a disaster unless it is held at the right venue with good food.

Luckily, in this area, we are blessed with a wonderful choice of restaurants, pubs and hotels which cater for Christmas parties to suit groups of varying sizes.

There are lots of places which offer traditional fare – turkey and Christmas pudding – which remain as popular as ever.

But for those looking for something a bit more exotic, many venues now offer a new twist on the basic menu with other options designed to cater for a more sophisticated palate.

But whichever meal you prefer, the important thing is that top quality foodstuffs are used and that they are properly cooked and beautifully presented.

The ambience at Christmas events is also crucial – roaring log fires and crackers may be a bit of a cliché – but it's what most people expect.

Many hotels and restaurants spend a lot of money on really top class decorations which are a world away from the tinsel and tack of yesteryear.

A room beautifully decorated in swags of greenery, coloured berries and subtly lit with candlelight is probably the finest setting for celebrating the most important event in the calendar.

So, with good food, fine wines and the right setting, the only other ingredient necessary for a great night out is the company.

People you work with all year suddenly look different when they are dressed up in a bit of bling and glitz. Lots of romances have begun at the works Christmas do and for the younger, unattached staff members, that's an exciting possibility.

Older colleagues will settle for the easy camaraderie which exists between people who know each other very well and have mutual respect.

But apart from workplace parties, there are also lots of Christmas get-togethers staged by organisations – ranging from choirs, art societies, WI's, charity fundraisers and sporting groups – in fact any organisation which brings people together.

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Christmas Party Guide

THE SECRETS OF BEING AT EASE IN THE OFFICE PARTY

By Sarah Marshall and Susan Griffin

LOOKING for a bit of flirty fun this festive season? The GEM looks at how to outshine the competition at Christmas parties and discover the secrets of successful flirting.

Like turkey with all the trimmings, or karaoke renditions of Slade, the office Christmas party is a tradition to be embraced but once a year.

Most people use it as an excuse to let loose at their employer's expense, but a growing number are seizing the opportunity to release pent-up romantic tensions, translating furtive glances shared over a PC desktop into true love.

In the past, free food and booze have always been the biggest draw, but in this credit-crunch climate – where the petty cash is unlikely to stretch beyond a paltry mince pie – a chance to flirt with work colleagues could provide the biggest pull.

According to Elizabeth Kuhnke, author of Body Language For Dummies, this is a great time of year to be looking for a new partner.

She said: "The festive season is the ideal time to look for love.

"Parties are in abundance, meaning spirits are high and inhibitions are low."

Unfortunately, it's also the same time of year that most of us are looking pale, sun-starved and weathered by the elements. For Kuhnke, though, that's not a problem. Successful singles aren't always the belles of the ball.

She explained: "It's a little known fact that availability counts for more than beauty in the dating game.

"A man will tend to pursue a woman who may not be the most attractive in the room, as long as she's giving off signals indicating her availability. The most important thing to understand when searching for a partner is how to communicate your interest."

Kuhnke adds: "Women focus on their hair, clothing and make-up when preparing to go out, but they must also remember that their body language is instrumental for gaining and maintaining the interest of a partner.

"Understanding the key signals, and using them to your advantage, matters more than an outfit."

So dressing up – or down – is the easy part, and hours wasted styling hair could be better spent learning how to flick locks coquettishly. In fact, the only things we should really be applying in the mirror are body language techniques.

Sending out signals by means of subtle physical nuances might sound complicated, but it all comes under the umbrella of flirting.

So how do you perfect it to a fine art?

"The essence of a good flirt is confidence, empathy and humour," says Jean Smith, a social anthropologist and founder of Flirting & Walking tours in London (www.allureseminars.com).

"A good flirt makes the other person feel good, and because they're so confident, they don't need the validation back – although they always get it."

What's more, flirting can be used as a tool to generate success in other areas of your life.

Peta Heskell, the original flirt coach and board member of The Academy of Marriage, Sex and Relationships (www.flirtingacademy.com), agrees.

She said: "When you can flirt with anyone, for fun, with or without the physical element and you know who to flirt with and who not to, it makes people feel good about you and that leads to social and business success."

It may not always seem the case, but according to Heskell, we were all born flirts.

She insisted: "Flirting is a natural mechanism designed to help us send signals to someone we like, so they might make the approach, but some of us have had it parented, or schooled out of us."

Sadly, many of us have lost the confidence to flirt, but there are plenty of DIY steps you can take.

If you're shy, Heskell suggests practicing with friends or relatives.

She explained: "They're more amenable to connection as they're often less inhibited and more laid back. Put your full attention on them as they come towards you, think nice thoughts about them, and look at them.

"It isn't rocket science, smile and say hello. The more you practice, the more naturally you'll do it with someone you really like."

Plenty of places to party!

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Yes, there's plenty to be said for the Christmas party. Just make sure you ensure that yours is as good as it can be by hiring the right venue for you and your group – whether it be a cosy country inn or a grand hotel where everyone can really dress up.

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As Halloween approaches, a spooky story with a local twist emerges...

A WELSH HAUNTING... MYSTERY WORDS APPEAR FROM NOWHERE AT VALE PUB

A mysterious clue as to the identity of the long-dead person who has been haunting a Vale public house has come to light during renovation work.

The Plough and Harrow at Monknash has a long history of ghostly goings-on, but the latest has even astonished Dave Woodman, its long time owner.

Dave has owned the 14th century drinking establishment for almost seven years. It was named 'Best Community Pub for 2005' by The Sunday Times, although local folklore claims that is not just the staff and locals that inhabit its ancient rooms, but up to 12 ghosts as well.

by TIM CHAPMAN

Dave explained: "One of the ghosts is said to be Amy, whose footsteps have often been heard on the landing. We were once told she was a girl who had died at a young age near The Plough.

"When we started doing refurbishments recently, words appeared on the wall of the landing which read 'Amy's Playroom' (see picture on the left).

"We're hoping that someone can enlighten us as to who she really is."

Amy's presence has been benign, said Dave, but over the years other apparitions and spectres have been more unsettling – the young boy who followed the cleaner through the pub, the poltergeist which attempted to damage the pub's trade by smashing the till and blocking the credit card machine, and the cloaked figure that drifts along its corridors.

Dave insists that the incidents have been reported by a number of people and are not part of a marketing ploy.

Perhaps the cloaked figure, reminiscent of a monk, is a clue as to the origin of the supernatural disturbances.

The pub was once a farm building established by a monastery, and it is believed that monks may have used the building as a mortuary for sailors who had been washed up on the coastline after their ships sank during storms.

Dave was once warned by one his chefs called Peter, who arrived to help out for a few days, not to upset the ghosts.

ABOVE: Is the Plough and Harrow being spooked by ghosts?

"He told me: 'Don't do alteration work – they won't like it. Don't expand the size of the kitchen they won't like that either.' He wanted to pacify the ghosts."

Peter also had the uncanny knack of preparing the correct meals for people before they had ordered, telling other members of staff: "I know exactly what I'm doing".

After a couple of days Peter left and Dave contacted the Cardiff agency who supplies him with staff – only to discover they had never heard of him.

Despite Peter's warning, renovation work has had to go ahead at the Plough and Harrow, and the words 'Amy's room' have materialised, which still leaves one question.

Who is Amy?

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CAFE CONTINENTAL

‘GIVE ME MY CHARIOTS OF FIRE...’

Supermarket staff recall iconic Oscar film scene!

STAFF from a Vale-based supermarket chain have filmed their own version of the iconic beach running title sequence from *Chariots of Fire*, to mark taking part in this year’s Cardiff Half Marathon, on October 17.

In the four-minute film, 25 staff and children from Filco, which has eight supermarkets including Llantwit Major and Cowbridge, are shown training at Rest Bay in Porthcawl, paying tribute to the 1981 Oscar-winning film, which celebrates its 30th anniversary next year.

More than 80 of the supermarket’s staff will be running in the Cardiff half marathon in support of Welsh charity Tros Gynnal, which helps vulnerable children and young people throughout Wales.

Entitled ‘Chariots of Filco’, the film features a specially written poem ‘Keep on Going for Gold’ voiced by the runners themselves, aimed at inspiring athletes to endure their tough training regimes in pursuit of their dreams.

It can be viewed at: http://tiny.cc/filco

Matt Hunt, director of Filco, who plays the part of Aubrey Montague, the first runner seen in the film, said: “The film is all about showing ordinary people, of all shapes and sizes, doing our bit for charity.

“We hope it inspires everyone who trains no matter what their sport, as we look forward to the 2012 London Olympics.

“We have sent a link to Lord Coe and the Welsh team at the Commonwealth Games. We also hope people will also feel motivated to donate to this important Welsh charity.”

Roger Bishop, head of Tros Gynnal, who commissioned the poem by Peter Acton said: “We thought, what better way to commemorate the Cardiff Half Marathon and indeed all charity sporting events, than with one of the most iconic running sequences of them all!

“I am so pleased that the poem also sends a powerful message to the children and young people we support, not least in the verse:-

When your days are derailed, salty tears burn your face
When all that you own is taken or sold
Have faith to ask others for help in life’s race
Keep on going for gold.

“This really is a film about how people put themselves on the line to help others, and I find it very heart-warming.”

As well as adults running along the rain-swept beach on a stormy day, the film shows children replicating some of the sprinting scenes of the film.

Kishan Mujumdar (aged 12) said: “It was great. Although the weather was really bad, it felt as if we were making a real film and we got to run around a lot. It made me think of running in the next Olympics.”

Chariots of Fire, set around the 1924 Olympics and written by Colin Welland and directed by Hugh Hudson, won four Oscars in 1981, including Best Picture.

The film starred Ben Cross as Harold Abrahams, the late Ian Charleson as Eric Liddell, and Nigel Havers as Lord Andrew Lindsay.

The famous beach scenes were filmed at West Sands, St Andrews.

In the Filco version, The Rest Hotel at Porthcawl plays the part of the St Andrews Golf Club.

The part made famous by actor Ian Holm as trainer Sam Mussabini is played by Sebastian Morgan-Clare of Tros Gynnal.

Vale recycling calendar is on the way soon

MOST residents in the Vale should have received a copy of their new-look recycling calendar for 2010/11 by now, but due to problems with delivery arrangements in certain areas some residents may have experienced a delay, which is set to be resolved shortly.

A spokesman for the company responsible for the deliveries, Link Direct, apologised to Vale residents, saying: “We sincerely regret any recycling leaflet distribution issues that have been highlighted recently. We are working with our local team and the council to resolve the problem to the satisfaction of all concerned.”

To find out when your recycling day is, for further information or to report a missing calendar, call the council on 01446 700111 or email visible@vale-ofglamorgan.gov.uk. If you are without a calendar, please do so from Monday, October 18, as this will allow for any outstanding deliveries to be made.

Seafarers’ service

THE annual Seafarers’ service will take place this year on Saturday, October 16, commencing at 11am at Llandaff Cathedral.

Canon Huw Mossford, head of the UK Mission to Seamen, will preach the sermon.

This year is particularly important for the WRNS Association as it sees their 90th anniversary.

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WORKING TOWARDS A GREENER FOOD FESTIVAL

COWBRIDGE Food and Drink Festival is working closely with Sustainable Wales, creating an environmental policy to be introduced at the 2010 event, which will then be developed annually.

The desire of the festival committee is to acknowledge the importance of the environmental debate and to support visitors and exhibitors to make a difference.

Margaret Minhinnick, director of Sustainable Wales and new member of the festival committee, explained: “We’re developing this policy to recognise what the festival has done well in the past, such as promoting local produce, and building on this to develop some key aims to address our responsibility to the environment.”

Festival organiser Polly Wilson, added: “We are concentrating this year on the issue of waste, reuse and recycling.

“Working with the Vale Council, we want to offer a user-friendly sorting system with clear explanations of what waste goes where.

“The Vale Council will be providing three bins at each position around the main festival site so waste can be sorted into mixed recyclables (paper, cans, glass, plastic, card), food waste (including meat and fish, cooked or uncooked) and general waste (anything else).

“Exhibitors and visitors will be encouraged to sort as much as they are able and willing,” said Polly.

Margaret added: “Other ways that festival supporters can help include car sharing and using the free park and ride to reduce congestion.

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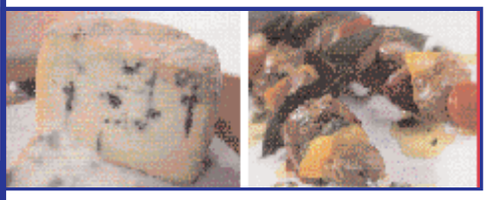

Volunteers still needed

COWBRIDGE Food and Drink Festival would like to thank all those who have helped make the event so successful over the last six years, especially the volunteers who assist over the weekend and make it run so smoothly.

Chair of the committee John Davies, said: "The group volunteers, like the cricket club on parking duty, and HSBC working the ticket booths are invaluable to us and are so experienced now, but we also rely on the generosity of those individual volunteers who turn out whatever the weather and do whatever they can to help make this event such a success."

This year, there are still some gaps to fill on the rota so if you would like to become involved, please call Polly, the event manager on 07875 290428.

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COWBRIDGE Food and Drink Festival are thrilled to announce another new sponsor for 2010.

Sort & Save, is planning the launch of a revolutionary new waste management service in Cowbridge.

They are coming on board as the new sponsor of the Champagne Marquee, which will be run by the Quarter Penny Café, sited courtesy of Lloyds TSB, on their car park in North Road.

Sort & Save is offering a service where recycled goods can be used to accumulate points and then converted into financial reward! For local businesses this is also a great way to reduce the cost of waste management.

Further information on the project will be available over the festival weekend.

Nigel England of Sort & Save, said: "We are delighted to be working with Cowbridge towards pioneering practical recycling solutions for today, tomorrow and the long term future."

Chair of the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival committee John Davies, enthused: "In this year when we are working hard on our environment policy, we are so proud to welcome Sort & Save as a sponsor. We wish them luck with this exciting venture and look forward to using their facility in the future."

The marquee will also play host to Aubrey Parsons who will be providing live entertainment over the weekend. House champagne remains at £25 a bottle this year, a bargain for the fifth year running! Entry is free to all and alternative alcoholic and soft drinks are also available.

The opening hours will be Saturday: 10 am-10pm; and Sunday: 12 noon-7 pm.

LEFT: A seller and his onions are never parted! Picture from a previous year's festival!

Festival's focus on environment

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"They will also be encouraged to return suitable festival programmes and any marketing materials once read, for re-use."

The Vale Council will also be available outside the town hall to discuss their sustainable resource management strategy, and free re-usable canvas bags will be given at the festival ticket booths to the first visitors. Some exhibitors will be selling their own reusable bags and visitors are asked to reuse bags and only accept a new one if essential.

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"Are you a business owner interested in saving on your waste management? Or an individual keen to learn more about recycling? Perhaps you are a member of the press who is interested in our innovative approach.

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Out and About with The GEM

Royal Mail stamps remember life-savers – and you can win a set

HOSPITAL and postal staff have joined forces across Wales to launch Royal Mail's latest set of commemorative stamps celebrating the work of scientists and their life-changing discoveries.

The 'medical breakthroughs' special stamps focus on medical achievements since the Victorian era, a period which has seen huge scientific and technological change – and readers of The Glamorgan GEM can win a set of the stamps in this month's competition in conjunction with Royal Mail.

The stamps feature six areas of medical study including cardiovascular medicine, drug therapy, transplant surgery, ophthalmology, medical imaging and parasitology.

Staff at the University of Wales Hospital, Heath, Cardiff, Singleton Hospital, Swansea, Wrexham Maelor Hospital and the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, have all hosted a launch of the stamps to highlight the achievements which have all helped to save lives in their area.

To win a set of these amazing stamps, answer the following question: which of these is a medical doctor:

A Dr Kildare ***B*** *Dr Fox* ***C*** *Dr Who?*

Answers on a postcard, marked 'Medical Stamps' to Glamorgan GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL, no later than Friday, October 22.

(No correspondence will be entered into and judge's decision is final – good luck!)

National Trust members' talk

THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members will be held on Wednesday, October 20 at 7.30pm in the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge. The speaker, Mr Paul Falkener from The National Trust, will talk about 'Dinefwr Park and Castle'.

Membership of the association is open to any interested person who is a paid-up member of the National Trust or National Trust for Scotland, a spouse/partner of a life member, or a National Trust staff member or volunteer.

The annual subscription (payable on January 1) is £7.50 for one National Trust member; £10 for two members; reduced to £3.75 and £5 respectively for those joining after June.

In the spring and summer we organise trips to various National Trust properties, which are always most enjoyable. We welcome new members. So, why not come along to our October meeting? We look forward to seeing you!

If you need further information please contact our membership secretary on 01443 223230.

Eraina O'Hagan

Bridge club results

THE latest Bridge results are:

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club, Monday, October 4: 1st Christine and John Evans 63.19; 2nd Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner 62.15; 3rd Barrie Waite and Graham Norris 59.47; 4th Luba Ashworth and Muriel Maslin 56.60; 5th Pat and Brian Swain 54.17; 6th Marjorie and Dennis Smith 52.27 per cent.

Cowbridge and District Bridge Club October 5: 1st Hugh Williams and Gordon Berrey 66.75; 2nd Anne Thomas and Pauline Lane 65.83; 3rd Debbie Rosevear and Mearl Owen 58.33; 4th Sylvia Phillips and Pauline McAllen 58.05; 5th Teri Pollard and David Wright 57.89; 6th Myrtle Hansard and Mary Wallis 54.83 per cent.

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AM Surgery

VALE of Glamorgan Assembly Member Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery on Saturday, October 16 at 115 High Street, Barry, CF62 7DT, from 10am to 12 noon. No appointment necessary.

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Music Festival concert dates

COWBRIDGE Music Festival is presenting three concerts at local venues.

Ivana Gavric solo piano recital 7.30pm, Saturday, October 16 at Holy Cross Church. Tickets £12 and £6 under-18s.

'Le Grand Tango' Calvert-Turner Harp and Cello duo, 7.30pm, Tuesday, October 19 at Baroque Hall, Duke of Wellington. Tickets £12 and £6 under-18s.

Gala concert with Wynne Evans (tenor), Hugh Morgan (trumpet), Mary Elliott (cello), and Jeff Howard (piano) at 7.30pm on Friday, October 22 at Holy Cross Church. Tickets £15 and £6 under-18s.

Tickets are available online or from Cowbridge businesses Xantippe and Principality; www.cowbridgemusicfestival.co.uk

Send your 'What's On' news to ggem@internet-today.co.uk

Out and About with The GEM

Money may very well Never Sleep, but the latest *Wall Street* struggles to keep you awake!

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

'*GREED is good*' – so went the maxim espoused by Gordon Gekko in 1987's *Wall Street*. But if we've learned anything in the last two years, it is that greed merely leads to financial troubles for those most innocent.

A timely period, then, for Oliver Stone to revisit the character that personified the era of banker opulence, something the director has happily settled down to do with *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps.*

Picking up from the last film, we see Gordon Gekko (Michael Douglas) released from jail after financial fraud. He is contacted by Jacob (Shia LaBeouf), an aspiring financial whizzkid who is planning to marry Gordon's estranged daughter Winnie (Carey Mulligan); however, Jacob's motives for getting in touch with Gordon soon put him into a world he is ill-prepared for, and one which many people, including the shady Bretton James (Josh Brolin), will be more happy to show him the deep, dark secrets of...

The character of Gordon Gekko is easily one of cinema's most indelible creations. The name almost overshadows the film in which he starred, something that was made possible by Michael Douglas' outstanding turn and Oliver Stone's sharp writing.

Another outing for Gekko did not appear to be high on Oliver Stone's to-do list, but with the world under the cloud of recession, banks going bust and traders losing their way, if you were ever going to revisit the world of Gekko, now was the right time.

However, *Money Never Sleeps* is a film that not only struggles to match up to its predecessor, but taken on its own terms is an interminably gripping, yet far too perfunctory, film that wraps itself up in its own science and never plays to the general viewer.

Not that I dislike a film for being intellectual, far from it, but *Money Never Sleeps* takes a generic tale of revenge and dresses it up with fancy financial terms and parlance, never making it overtly clear what exactly is going on.

I consider myself to be an intelligent person, yet the amount of financial abbreviations on show here made me wonder whether I was watching a particular Americanised version of *Countdown*.

The film's writers, Allan Loeb and Stephen Schiff, are obviously more than au fait with the money markets and trading, yet where the film should be engaging you it simply ends up distancing itself with its technicalities.

Anyone who plays the markets will no doubt be more interested, but for the majority whose only knowledge of Wall Street is the film itself, there may well be more than a few blank expressions.

The writers make a similar misstep with the story and characters. What is in essence a boiled down revenge story, with money rather than violence the tool of destruction, is let down by their attempt to introduce familial redemption.

When Gekko is on screen and the cut and thrust of the money markets is in full force the story is intriguing, no doubt from the enjoyment of watching bankers and investors getting their comeuppance, but when the story switches to Gekko's estranged daughter and his attempts to reconcile with her, it feels less enthralling.

Obviously the family element is there to show the corrosive nature of greed, but that is something that the world has seen over the past two years – more onus on the shady dealings, backstabbing and inappropriate behaviour would have been far more gripping.

Character-wise, the writers distil Gekko down to a prophet coming to preach doom and gloom that isn't listened to by those that have the power to do anything about it, losing the cut-throat edge that made the character so engaging in the first place, while the remainder of the characters fail to really hit home despite the actors who fill them out.

Michael Douglas never really gets the opportunity to get his teeth stuck into what is arguably his finest role.

There are flashes of the devilish spirit here and there, but even though the film is preaching against *Wall Street's* maxim, Gekko is undoubtedly more fun there than he is here.

While Douglas' performance isn't at all poor, he seems less than interested in it, and the marginalisation of what makes him interesting is to the detriment of both character and actor.

The references to the nature of time passing and making as much of life as you can may have taken on an unforseen pertinence given his recent brush with illness, but the script hugely weakens the strength of its ace in the hole.

Having gone from next-big-thing to established star, Shi LaBeouf's performance is certainly lacking here, the actor not only failing to match up to Douglas' undoubted charisma, but also essaying a dull character and failing to bring any life to it.

Carey Mulligan is similarly bland, with even the scene between her and Gordon failing to create any ripples despite her and Douglas trying their best.

Josh Brolin fares a little better as the shadowy banker, bringing a sneer and arrogance that makes you want him to fall flat on his face at the very least, while his sparring with both LaBeouf and, in one scene, Douglas, is particularly enjoyable, Brolin doing a good line in villainy.

With decent small turns from Eli Wallach, Susan Sarandon and Frank Langella, the film is hardly lacking in talent, but a combination of poor characters and weak performances means that it fares little better in this department.

What does save the film to a degree is Oliver Stone, who is on directing duties alone this time round, and who shows a real hunger and desire to give the film a strong visual look.

Marshalling the story where he can, he brings a real energy to the film, capturing the cut and thrust of the financial world with zeal and capturing the tense nature of the world, while he shoots the cityscapes with a cold, unforgiving lens that highlights how dangerous the city can be to those who are not versed in the ways of money.

Using the cityscapes as financial graphs is a similarly clever technique, and Stone seems visually more enthused than he has done in a long while - it's just a shame that the film doesn't match up to what he offers, with *Money Never Sleeps* being anything but a financially sound investment for cinema goers.

VERDICT: A lacklustre affair punctuated by some gripping moments and skilled direction from Oliver Stone, *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps* suffers from poor scripting and the sidelining of Gordon Gekko. While the performances struggle, there isn't enough bite to really grab you, and should this go down as Michael Douglas' last hurrah, it will be a shame, as both he and the others involved here are capable of so much better. ***POOR.***

What's On and Where?

Coffee morning

THe Mayor of the Vale Council's charity coffee morning is being held at the Corporate Suite, Civic Office, Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, October 19 from 10.30am-12noon.

All proceeds will go to Penarth & District Stroke Support Group.

Diabetes group

THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Group of Diabetes UK Cymru will be on Tuesday, October 19, when the annual general meeting of the group will take place, followed by a talk from Kerry-Lynn Pyke, a member of Diabetes UK Cymru in Cardiff.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm and is held in the Board room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth.

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, October 21 at 7pm in Old Hall, High Street, we are pleased to welcome Paul Arnott who will be giving a demonstration in watercolours.

Non-members are always welcome.

Table top sale

ALL Saints Church in Wales Primary School, Cwm Talwg, is holding a table top sale on Friday, October 22 at 3.30pm.

There will be gifts, crafts, refreshments and much more. All are welcome. Please come along, join in the fun and get your Christmas gifts in good time.

Open day

THE Rondel House Centre at Maes y Cwm Street, Barry, presents an open day on Friday, October 29 at 10.30am-3pm following a 'Halloween theme'.

A fun day for the over-60s includes free raffles, hand massage, nail painting.

'Keep safe' information will be presented by our community PCs. Two-course lunch is £2.

For more information, telephone 01446 745922.

Musical Eve

A 'Musical Eve' by Ynysybwl Ladies Choir is being performed at Windsor Road Church, Barry (opposite Mount Sorrel) on Thursday, November 4 at 7.30pm.

Tickets: Adults £5, children £3, refreshments included. Proceeds in aid of church funds.

Glamorgan Guild's talk

GLAMORGAN Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers will meet on Wednesday, November 10, at the Old School, Sully.

The talk is 'Felted Knit with Applique' with Teresa Searle, who will show how she works with felted knit appliqué and tell us about her new book. Members £2, visitors £3.50.

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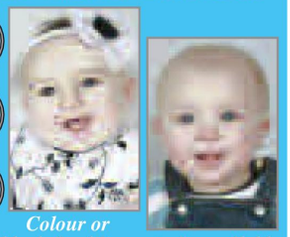
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First Prize: Ystradowen – The Vale Mayor, Coun Colin Osborne; Basil Watkins; Mrs Mavis Burnham; Mrs Rosemary Ives.

Second Prize: Wenvoe – The Mayor; Basil Watkins; Ian Moody; Phil Morant.

THESE pictures were taken when winners of the Vale's Best Kept Village competition gathered in the Town Hall, Barry, for a congratulatory reception hosted by the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Colin Osborne.

He said he was very impressed with the high standard of the entrants: "Well done to all of you who entered. I am told the standard this year was very high, so congratulations to the winners and it is especially pleasing to see young people participating. Special thanks to Cemex for once again sponsoring this competition."

Ystradowen took first prize in the village competition with Wenvoe and Michaelston Le Pit just behind in second and third place respectively.

The winner of the schools competition was St Andrew's Major Church in Wales School.

Third Prize: Michaelston Le Pit – The Mayor; Basil Watkins; Kristin Litton; Geraint Thomas.

Winning School: St Andrews Major Church in Wales School – The Mayor and Mayoress; Basil Watkins; Mrs S Jordan; Abbie Williams; Tomasz Janiec.

Under-12s are on winning streak

Cowbridge under-12s	**25**
CRICC	**0**

COWBRIDGE continued their winning streak with a comprehensive home victory over CRICC by five tries to nil.

With weather conditions perfect for open rugby, Cowbridge produced their best rugby to date and were quickly off the mark when centre Michael Thomas gave a well-timed pass to wing Seán Davies, who set off on a 40 yard run to score the first try.

The mobile home side's pack soon began to make inroads into the CRICC half, with Ben Terry and Matthew Keating driving through their opponents defence to set up a ruck from which scrum half Osian John released Cae Evans.

He outpaced the defence to score a fine try, and Rhys Beynon added an excellent individual try just before half time to leave Cowbridge in a strong position.

Cowbridge continued to dominate in the second half, with James Holder, Sam John and Tomos Evans-Williams producing fine runs and only brave defence by CRICC prevented the home side increasing their lead.

Cowbridge made a number of changes early in the second half and CRICC now began to pressure their opponents but excellent tackling by Duncan Ace and Toff Patel kept the visitors at bay.

The final ten minutes belonged completely to Cowbridge as Cae Evans scored his second try and Dan Bunney completed the scoring by crashing over in the corner to complete a fine win for Cowbridge who remain unbeaten.

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Rhoose Lifeguards are top Welsh club after two days of fierce competition

AFTER two days of strong competition at the Welsh Surf Lifesaving Championships held in Llangennith near Swansea, Rhoose won the Junior and Ski Aggregate Trophies.

The youth team gained first place, the senior team third place and together with the Masters Championship win, Rhoose Lifeguard Club came first overall to retain the Ocean Wilkinson Sword for the third consecutive year.

The club now holds both the Ocean and Stillwater Wilkinson Swords, together with the Superclub Trophy.

Medal winners: James Grandfield (Open): Bronze Surf Swim, Bronze Double Ski, Bronze Rescue Tube; Simon Perry (Open): Bronze Double Ski, Bronze Rescue Tube; Lana Evans (Open): Silver Board Rescue, Silver Rescue Tube; Tanara O'Neill (Open): Silver Board Rescue, Bronze Double Ski, Bronze Board; Leanne Martlew (Open): Gold Beach Sprint; Lucy Curtis (Open): Bronze Double Ski; Kathryn Worth (Open): Silver Rescue Tube; Ladies Beach Relay (Open): Gold; Ladies Ski Relay (Open): Silver and Bronze; Charles Grandfield (under-19): Gold Surf Swim, Gold Board Rescue, Gold Ocean Man, Silver Double Ski, Gold Rescue Tube; Rhys Perry (under-19): Bronze Surf Swim, Gold Board Rescue, Bronze Flags, Silver Double Ski , Gold Rescue Tube; Robbie Thompson (under-19): Bronze Ski, Silver Flags, Gold Double Ski; Jack Giddings (under-19): Gold Double Ski; Lana Evans (under-19): Gold Surf Swim, Gold Board Rescue, Gold Ocean Lady, Silver Double Ski, Gold Rescue Tube; Lucy Curtis (under-19): Gold Board Rescue, Gold Ski, Bronze Flags, Gold Double Ski; Emma Cordy (under-19): Silver Ski, Silver Double Ski; Storm Morham (under-19): Bronze Ski, Gold Flags, Silver Beach Sprints; Eloise Neighbour (under-19): Gold Double Ski, Gold Rescue Tube, Bronze Board; Chad Bremner (under-16): Gold Double Ski, Silver Rescue Tube; Luke Giddings (under-16): Gold Double Ski, Silver Rescue Tube; Dan Owen (under-16): Silver 1K Run; Luis Evans (under-16): Bronze Surf Swim; Tegerian Young (under-16): Bronze Ski, Gold Double Ski; Anthea Young (under-16): Gold Double Ski; Kieran Knowles (under-14): Silver Surf Swim, Silver Ski, Gold Ocean Man, Silver Flags, Bronze Beach Sprint, Gold Double Ski, Silver Rescue Tube, Gold Board; Jamie Sugden (under-14): Gold Ski, Bronze Ocean Man, Gold Double Ski, Silver Rescue Tube; Sam Thompson (under-14): Gold Flags, Gold Beach Sprint; Ben Owen (under-14): Gold 1K Run, Silver Board; Rowan Miller (under-14): Bronze Double Ski; James Wadey (14): Bronze Double Ski; Kathryn Gardner (under-14): Gold Ski, Silver Ocean Lady, Gold Double Ski; Caitlin Young (under-14): Gold Double Ski; Lauren Williamson (under-14): Silver Surf Swim, Bronze 1K Run, Silver Board; Laura Braggins (under-14): Bronze Rescue Tube; Tayla Edgerton (under-14): Bonze Rescue Tube.

Team medals

Under-19 Sprint Relay: (Team A) Gold; Under-14 Sprint Relay: (Team A) Gold; Junior Boys Board Relay: Silver; Junior Girls Board Relay: Bronze; Junior Boys Ski Relay: Gold and Silver; Junior Girls Ski Relay: Gold; Junior Boys Taplin: Bronze; Junior Girls Taplin: Bronze.

Rhoose lifeguards is now the highest ranked Welsh Club and, out of 43 member clubs, is ranked fifth in Great Britain. Once again, this shows the talent and commitment from a relatively small club against the larger clubs from the rest of the country.

Congratulations to all members of Rhoose Lifeguards for achieving such a high position and standard on this National stage. You are a credit to Surf Lifesaving in Wales and Great Britain.

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RIGHT: Two swords and a trophy for Rhoose.

CARDIFF & THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

Bryn Hafren School hosts cross-country league

VALE schools made the most of the return to 'home soil' for the first of the Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' cross-country league fixtures for girls.

Last year, work on the all-weather area prevented the fixture from being held at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School, but, with the work now completed, more than 500 girls turned up for this first of three league meetings – and Vale schools responded by fielding just under 200 pupils.

In the individual competitions, Vale pupils made their mark with victories in the year-7 and senior competitions, on a day when all three course distances were short, and the weather was dry and sunny.

Seren Allin made an excellent impression in the year-7 race, winning by 25 seconds from Caitlin Xerri (Cardiff High) and then claiming a second success by spearheading a narrow team success for her Cowbridge squad, who got the better of Vale rivals Bro Morgannwg by only four place points.

In the senior girls' race, for pupils in years 10 and above, Vale athletes claimed a clean sweep of the first three places. Bethan Daw (St Cyres, year 12), last season's senior points winner, extended her sequence of wins to three, finishing ahead of year 10 Megan Osborne (Llantwit), the leading points scorer at under-14 in 2009/10, and Eloise Laity (year-12), who is now competing for Stanwell.

At under-14, year-9 Erin Hayes (Llantwit) was the top placed Vale pupil, finishing second behind Welsh Schools international Kate Seary (Whitchurch, year-9).

In the two older team competitions, Cowbridge are now handily placed having finished second to Whitchurch at under-14 and in a similar position behind Radyr in the seniors.

Stanwell will have been encouraged by their third place at year-7, only 14 points behind the Cowbridge six, and fourth at under-14, while Bryn Hafren, the hosts for this fixture, gained top 10 places in the under-14 and senior sections.

The second league fixture took place at Trelai Park in Cardiff, and that venue will also be used for the South Wales Regional schools' championships, on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 2.

The last of the major schools' fixtures this term will be held on Saturday, November 20, at Penlan, Brecon. In his volunteer post as the schools' national cross-country secretary, former Llantwit pupil Derek Osborne, now teaching at Llandrindod in Powys, will be organising the 34th Welsh Schools Inter Schools cross-country championships on that date.

Results of Vale pupils and teams

Senior Girls – under-19 (3130m) – 63 finishers (27 Vale pupils): 1 Bethan Daw (St Cy) 12:46; 2 Megan Osborne (Lwt) 13:00; 3 Eloise Laity (Stan) 13:12; 8 Cerri-Anne Santos (St Cy) 13:48; 9 Fiona Bray (Cow) 14:18; 11 Miriam Bennett (Cow) 14:23; 12 Danielle Green (StRichG) 14:40; 14 Rachel Bradshaw (Cow) 15:11; 16 Anthea Young (Lwt) 15:16; 20 Katie Wynne (Cow) 15:18; 22 Bethan Yapp (Bro M) 15:24; 25 Lisa James (Bro M) 15:35; 27 Bethan Allman (Cow); 33 Catherine Gardner (B Haf); 37 Holly Preece (Cow); 38 Eleri Phillips-Griffiths (Bro M); 41 Chloe Webber (B Haf); 49 Alyson Bater (Cow); 50 Hannah Jones (B Haf); 52 Cara Francis (StRichG); 55 Jodie Price (B Haf); 57 Megan Porter (Bro M); 58 Leah Kirby (Bro M); 59 Zoe Hodgekinson (B Haf); 61 Christina Sherring (StRichG); 62 Josephine Goldthorpe (StRichG); 63 Kirby Redrup (B Haf).

Team: 2 Cowbridge 266; 6 Bryn Hafren 83; 7 Bro Morgannwg only 5 finishers; 8 St Richard Gwyn only four finishers; 9 Llantwit Major only three finishers; 11 St Cyres only two finishers; 12 Stanwell only one finisher.

Under-14 Girls (2450m) – 249 finishers (97 Vale pupils): 2 Erin Hayes (Lwt) 10:15; 4 Kate Coker (Stan) 10:30; 12 Ana Mirza-Davies (Stan) 11:17; 15 Nadine James (Cow) 11:32; 16 Annabel Curle (Cow) 11:38; 18 Maisie Squire (Stan) 11:40; 19 Rebecca Thomas (Cow) 11:40; 20 Alice Tudor (Cow) 11:41; 23 Rachel Cosier (B Haf) 11:49; 25 Tillie Carter (B Haf) 12:00; 28 Jordan Carpenter (Cow); 29 Ela Emyr (Cow); 35 Ffion Davies (Bro M); 36 Lauren Blake (StRichG); 40 Elin Phillips-Bowen (Bro M); 44 Brooke Langdon-Cryer (Cow); 46 Laura Gale (Stan); 47 Chloe Lewis (Stan); 49 Caitlin Young (Bro M); 57 Gabrielle Cuddihy (West); 60 Emily Guerico (B Haf); 63 Morgan Avient (Lwt); 64 Sally Gabling (Cow); 66 Charlotte Webber (B Haf); 69 Ellie Hicks (Lwt); 80 Keirney O'Dare (Lwt); 81 Sophie Moore (B Haf); 84 Elisa Prothero (West); 86 Sioned Prothero (West); 91 Tizzie Birch-Hirst (Stan); 93 Roby Tait (Bro M); 95 Sally Wheatley (St Cy); 96 Meg Langdon-Cryer (Cow); 97 Heulwen Hill (StRichG); 100 Ffion Hopkin (Cowbridge); 103 Holly Howells (Lwt); 104 Sophie Thomas (Cow); 107 Kayla Huggins (B Haf); 112 Alice Walton (Bro M); 114 Evie Williams (Cow); 117 Megan Thompson (Bro M); 119 Eleanor Morgan (Cow); 121 Meg Thorne (Cow); 122 Suzie Collins (Stan); 124 Milly Williams (Stan); 125 Megan Dafydd (Bro M); 126 Molly Brown (Lwt); 130 Megan Davies (Bro M); 136 Hannah Lister-Sims (Cow); 137 Tayla Edgerton (Bro M); 139 Sophia Swaffield (StRichG); 140 Lara Tombs (Lwt); 146 Moruena Osmond (Bro M); 148 Tamara Pitt (Lwt); 152 Jenny Arthur (Stan); 153 Erin Clissold (Stan); 155 Sarah Arnold (B Haf); 159 Mali O'Donnell (Bro M); 161 Melissa Gray (Lwt); 164 Bethan Sullivan (Bro M); 168 Laura Spencer (B Haf); 169 Chelsea Sirack (Bro M); 171 Ellie Eddy-Williams (Cow); 172 Lauren Guerico (B Haf); 175 Katie Rowly (B Haf); 176 Charlie Bowen (Bro M); 178 Ruth May (Lwt); 179 Cerys Smith (B Haf); 180 Jessica Morgan (Bro M); 181 Delana Davies (Bro M); 183 Cerys Jenkins (Bro M); 184 Dominique Mears (Cow); 186 Megan Mininee (Cow); 187 Laura Young (Lwt); 188 Morgan Davies-James (B Haf); 191 Naomi Lewis (St Cy); 192 Morgan White (StRichG); 193 Niamh Gallagher (Cow); 196 Leah Cunningham (St Cy); 197 Olivia Brown (Cow); 198 Abbie Dee (StRichG); 202 Kelsey Penikett (StRichG); 205 Phoebe Cocks (St Cy); 207 Alesha O'Connor (St RichG); 208 Rhian Thomas (Lwt); 209 Shona Taylor (Lwt); 211 Michela Winton (B Haf); 213 Annie Jones (B Haf); 221 Isabella Podesta (St Cy); 223 Autumn Boswell (St Cy); 224 Eleanor Bishop (Cow); 229 Devon Perry (Lwt); 230 Lauren Senior (B Haf); 232 Ellie Jones (B Haf); 235 Rebecca Gill (StRichG); 239 Abbie Halford (StRichG); 240 Madison James (StRichG).

Team: 2 Cowbridge 1,373; 4 Stanwell 1,282; 8 Bryn Hafren 1,138; 11 Llantwit Major 1,057; 12 Bro Morgannwg 1054; 15 St. Richard Gwyn 636; 17 St Cyres 369; 20 Westbourne only three finishers.

Under-12 Girls (2050m) – 203 finishers (83 Vale pupils): 1 Seren Allin (Cow) 8:04; 5 Emily Wooster (Stan) 8:48; 13 Seren Marsh (Stan) 9:34; 14 Kelsey Peterson (Bro M) 9:38; 15 Annabelle Birch-Hurst (Stan) 9:40; 16 Nia Fenn (Bro M) 9:42; 17 Lowri Jones (Bro M) 9:53; 18 Chloe Huggins (B Haf) 9:45; 20 Ffion Vickers (Cow) 9:52; 27 Rebecca Humpage (Stan); 28 Maya Bell (Cow); 30 Maisie Aviant (Lwt); 31 Cerys Bradshaw (Cow); 36 Chloe Bird-Anning (Bro M); 40 Niamh Jenkins (Cow); 42 Libby Evans (Bro M); 43 Ellen Dafydd (Bro M); 44 Alicia Thomas (Cow); 46 Tesney Sewell (Bro M); 47 Tayla Garish (Bro M); 51 Megan Lim (Stan); 53 Rhian Jones (Bro M); 56 Emma Hall (St Cy); 57 Elizabeth Jervis (Cow); 58 Gemma Viney (Cow); 59 Belinda Wallace (Bro M); 66 Sophia Harpin (Cow); 67 Georgia Logan-Davies (Stan); 68 Jessica Thompson (St Cy); 70 Mia Sexton (Cow); 75 Ffion Thomas (Bro M); 77 Daisy Williams (Stan); 78 Rachel Saislbury (Stan); 79 Ffion Edwards (Lwt); 80 Bethan Wride (Lwt); 86 Victoria Bennett (Cow); 88 Rosie Welsh (B Haf); 90 Chelsea Western (StRichG); 91 Kelly Melinn (B Haf); 92 Isobel Smith (Cow); 94 Alice Griffiths (Bro M); 97 Bethan Herman (B Haf); 99 Eleanor Farr (Cow); 100 Shakira Meghji (Cow); 103 Emily Ross (Stan); 107 Jessica Walton (Lwt); 108 Lucia Hanlon (Bro M); 112 Charlie Robinson (Bro M); 113 Carys Hudson (St Cy); 116 Nia Atwell (Bro M); 120 Megan Aspell (Lwt); 121 Nia Rees (Lwt); 122 Jessica Wyatt (Lwt); 123 Chloe Thomas (Stan); 125 Lucy Sibert (Stan); 126 Amber Shanahan (Lwt); 128 Chloe Mitchell (West); 130 Mali Vesey (St Cy); 131 Mackenzie Ott (West); 132 Chloe Johns (Bro M); 134 Emily Vavoulas (Lwt); 135 Nicole Catton (B Haf); 137 Ella Robertson (Stan); 140 Claudia Parry (B Haf); 141 Rosy Ellis (StRichG); 142 Donna O'Hare (StRichG); 146 Holly Lashmar (B Haf); 149 Ellie James (St Cy); 151 Megan Newman (B Haf); 152 Megan Bell (B Haf); 153 Izzy Harris (St Cy); 156 Lowri Ellis (Bro M); 165 Lia Perry (Lwt); 167 Megan Mcintyre (Bro M); 169 Catlin Leach (B Haf); 171 Lucy Margus (B Haf); 172 Hannah Kerslake (B Haf); 173 Lana Ray-Parsons (Lwt); 188 Georgia Shanahan (Lwt); 193 Shola Taylor (StRichG); 195 Carys Shephard (StRichG); 196 Danielle Roderick (St Cy); 197 Phoebe Stacey (St Cy); 200 Emily Clissett (StRichG); 201 Libby Gillard (StRichG); 202 Leah Dutton (StRichG); 203 Katheryn Collis (Lwt).

Team: 1 Cowbridge 1,060; 2 Bro Morgannwg 1,056; 3 Stanwell 1,046; 12 Llantwit Major 687; 13 Bryn Hafren 655; 14 St Cyres 555; 15 St Richard Gwyn 263; 24 Westbourne only two finishers.

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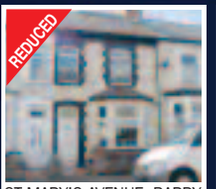
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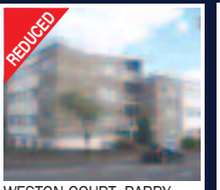
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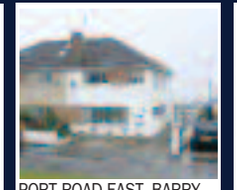
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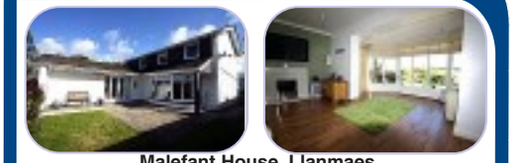

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LLANTWIT MAJOR Comprehensive School held its 27th annual sports presentation evening on September 30, when a packed hall applauded the pupils' sporting successes.

The awards ceremony commenced with dances from years 11 and 9 students, followed by presentations by the special guests.

The sporting guests were Aled James of the Scorpions rugby league team, Mark Jones, WRL development officer, Simon Osborne, British triathlon team member, and Sara Hale and Chelsea Lewis of the Welsh netball team.

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A YEAR OF SPORTING ENDEAVOUR IS MARKED AT LLANTWIT MAJOR SCHOOL

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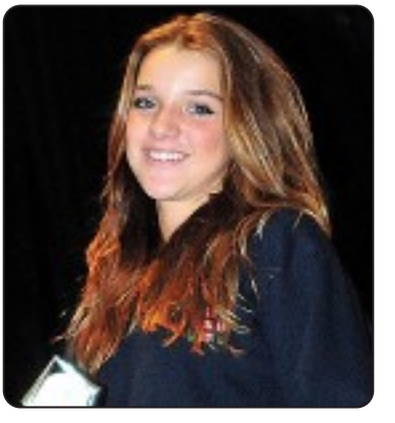

LOCAL 'Y DANCE' GROUP TRAVEL TO GERMANY AND TAKE ON THE WORLD!

The group in Germany.

ABOVE: The Wales squad take time out from dancing to pose for this picture.

ON September 28, more than 100 young dancers from across Wales attended the International Dance Organisation (IDO) World Hip Hop Championships in Bochum, Germany and competed in solo, duet, team and squad events over the five-day competition.

Seventeen dancers from YDance, Barry were among the Welsh squad, and the standard of dance activity was high with dancers from 42 countries all competing to be the best in the world.

YDance was represented in the adult duet section by Abbi Bartlett and Sophie Morgan, the junior 'B Boy' solo by Harry Wood and the junior solo section with Nioami Everitt, Myles German, Luke Perry and Yazmin Harcourt.

All dancers performed with confidence and originality against hundreds of other dancers, with Nioami Everitt luckily reaching the quarter-finals.

YDance performed in the junior small group and the adult formation teams and were both ranked.

It was a very good achievement for all the dancers, as it was their first international dance competition. The following dancers performed with ambition and determination alongside their team mates who had competed in earlier divisions – Sam Owens, Ellie Carter, Rhia Dutton, Brooke Clark, Rhian Dwyer, Amber Summers, Chanelle Johnson and Jamie Raisis.

Joely Bradshaw and James Piddock.

YDance teachers Lynne Hughes and Emma Mallam also performed with the young people, showing that they weren't too old to dance for their country either.

Identity – a dance crew from Cardiff, achieved eighth place in the junior formation team, while the Welsh production squad saw 94 young dancers from across Wales perform their circus piece, which took fourth place in the competition.

The whole experience in Germany was phenomenal – just being on stage with all these amazing dancers has given us so much inspiration and we have made so many new friends from across the globe.

The 'Electric Boogaloo' adult section on the last day saw Joely Bradshaw and James Piddock from Cardiff beat many other finalists to take fourth place and the gold trophy back to Wales.

Since qualifying to dance for their country in May 2010, these young dancers from YDance have raised the money themselves through many charity events.

A huge thank you must be given to all who supported our 'Dancing 2 Deutschland' campaign.

Thank you to customers of Morrisons and Waitrose in Barry, Buyology, the Nine Giants Pub, The George Neale Trust, Boomerang+, the Glenbrook Inn, Santander and Barry Round Table for their kind sponsorship, and most of all to the friends, family and community support that these young dancers had throughout the campaign – without you they would not have this wonderful dance experience.

The dancers would also like to thank their tutor, Lee Crowley, for his creative work and commitment during rehearsals for Germany, and thanks must also go out to the parents who chaperoned the dancers while in Germany, and to the Welsh Street Dance Federation organisers Roberta and Chantel Williams – without them the trip would not have happened.

"I would like to congratulate all the dancers across Wales for their outstanding performances at the world championships, and I am so proud that YDance was lucky enough to be part of the Welsh street dance squad!" said Emma Mallam, dance co-ordinator.

For more information on YDance – part of the Motion Control Dance Programme – call 01446 733622 or emma@vibe-experience.com

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Councillors want to keep area green

Couns Rob Curtis and Margaret Wilkinson

LABOUR councillors for the Gibbonsdown ward, Rob Curtis and Margaret Wilkinson, have launched an on-line petition which will allow local people an opportunity to sign their petition opposing the planning application to build on White Farm.

All residents need to do is to log onto www.ipetitions.com/petitions/whitefarm

Coun Curtis said: "We need as much public support as possible, so log on and sign our petition to 'Keep White Farm Green', or, if you can spare more time, please write to the planning department of the Vale of Glamorgan Council explaining why you think White Farm should be kept as a 'green lung' for the people of Barry."

Coun Margaret Wilkinson added: "Local residents are showing their support by displaying our posters with 'Keep White Farm Green' written on them. We would like to thank them for their support."

Barry brothers prepare for Afghanistan – in Canada!

BROTHERS from Barry who serve in the same Army unit are taking part in a tough three-month long exercise, 8,000 miles from home on the prairies of Canada in readiness for their upcoming mission to Afghanistan.

Troopers James (aged 20) and Josh Petre (18) are only part of the way through Exercise Prairie Thunder with their German-based regiment, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards (QDG) The Welsh Cavalry.

They are playing the 'enemy' against three armoured infantry battle groups that will rotate through the training to testing phases which validate whether or not they are ready for the next level of Mission Specific Training that is Afghanistan focused.

ABOVE: James and Josh Petre.

The Canadian exercise is taking place at the British Army Training Unit Suffield (BATUS) in the middle of the vast plains of Alberta in western Canada.

The whole exercise is based on a fictional scenario to prepare soldiers for operational duty where they have been tasked with patrolling villages, dealing with insurgents and interacting with locals.

The brothers who both attended St Cyres School in Penarth, work on the Combat Vehicle Reconnaissance Tracked (CVRT) range of vehicles.

James is an operator and Josh a driver both in B Squadron QDG.

"I am the radio operator when I am on a Spartan troop carrying vehicle and the gunner when I am on the Scimitar, which has a 30mm automatic weapon system fitted to it," explained James.

"While Josh is the driver, I get to drive the vehicle cross country across the open expanse of the Canadian prairie, which is great fun as well as being very testing, especially at night when you have to drive with no lights on due to the exercise military scenario."

James and Josh, whose parents Mark and Ceri live in St Cyres in Penarth, both went through training at the same time.

"We get on really well as most brothers of similar age do but it has been great seeing my younger brother progress and learn new skills on the exercise.

"We both hope our youngest brother Jake might join the Regiment in the future" added James.

James and Josh are among 1,200 service personnel from 20th Armoured Brigade (The Iron Fist) who are being put through their paces on the best proving ground in the British Army for armoured infantry.

Both James and Josh will shortly take part in adventure training activities with James horse riding in the Canadian Rockies and Josh hoping to go white water rafting, which is sure to be great fun.

Dinas Art Group issues an invite

DINAS POWYS Art Group has a number of vacancies for Monday afternoons from 2.30pm-4.30pm.

The group meets in Dinas Powys Golf Club, Highwalls Road. All abilities are welcomed, at a small friendly group under the guidance of a tutor.

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BRYN Hafren School recently opened its new beauty salon – a facility for 20 or more students that will handle a wide range of beauty treatments.

Invited for the official opening were Vale AM Jane Hutt, school governors, local councillors and a professional model, Amelia.

A school spokeswoman said that it will provide a first class vocational learning environment, preparing students for the demands in the workplace.

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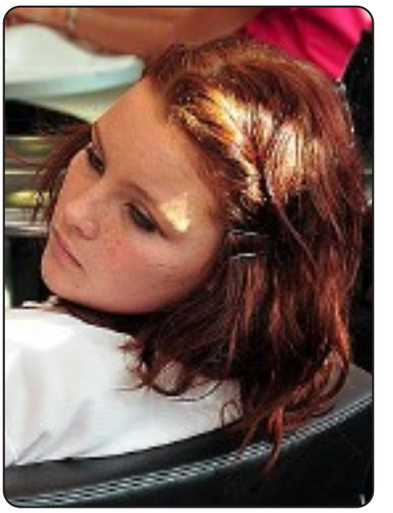

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SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	Eagleswell Road, Llantwit Major between the Junctions of Monmouth Way (Grid Ref 297977/168804) and Leigh Close (Grid Ref 298096-168677)
Reason	To allow removal and replacement of a railway bridge on behalf of Network Rail.
Duration on	From 8.00 on Friday 22nd October 2010 until 17.00 hrs Sunday 3rd December 2010.
Alt. Route	The signed diversion route for North bound traffic will be at Leigh Close(Grid Ref 298096-168677) proceed south bound to the junction of Boverton Road, Turn Left, Proceed along Boverton Road for approximately 400 metres to the junction of the B4265 Llantwit Major Bypass. Turn left at the traffic lights and proceed westbound along Llantwit Major Bypass. At Llanmaes Traffic Lights turn Left into Llanmaes Road and
immediate	left into Eagleswell Road. Proceed Southbound for approximately 600 metres to end of diversion. Vice versa for South bound traffic
Signing:	Appropriate temporary signing will indicate the alternative route.
NB:	Full access will be maintained to all properties along the extent of the Road closure area

Please note no access will be maintained for Pedestrians directly under the railway bridge

Signed Pedestrian Route

For South bound Pedestrians .At railway bridge (Grid Ref 298024/168759) turn left into lane at side of 38 Eagleswell Road, proceed to lane end, turn right into Cardigan Crescent proceed approximately 70 metres, turn right into the lane side of 32 Cardigan crescent leading to Heol Merioneth .At lane end Turn right along lane at the side of 14 Heol Merioneth leading into Glanymor and Harding Close, Turn left into Percy Smith Road and proceed to junction of Boverton Road and end of diversion. Vice versa for North bound traffic

Dated this 14th day of October 2010.

M. Punter, Head of Visible Services
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Pumas are the 'Real' deal after Cup victory

SUNDAY morning saw a battle between third division Barry Pumas FC and fourth division Real Cardiff in the Lazarou Challenge Cup extra preliminary round.

Barry controlled most of the first half with a good display of passing and scored twice through Ben Weekley and Julian Llewelyn Davies to make the half-time score 2-0.

The second half saw the Cardiff team pull a goal back a few minutes after the break, but it didn't take Pumas long to get back into their stride and score a further four goals thanks to Matthew Davie, Scott Christopherato, and another two from Weekley to complete his hat-trick.

Final score: Real Cardiff 1,
Barry Pumas FC 6.

MORGAN STEPHENS

GEM Family Notices

Birth Notices

Nick and Anwen Parker
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Marion Price

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Group Captain Ron's talk of RAF life for the Barry Men's Forum

THE autumn session of the forum commenced with a talk by Group Captain Ron Powell, a local retiree on Barry Island.

It became obvious during this retired senior RAF officer's talk that he was a true 'Trenchard Brat', or product of the famous apprentice scheme that produced so many high achievers, such as Sir Frank Whittle, the inventor of the jet engine.

Ron Powell became an RAF apprentice after service in the Air Training Corps from the age of thirteen, which gave him his first solo flight and a taste of things to come.

After completing his three year apprenticeship at Halton, Ron was posted to RAF Scampton, famous for housing the Dam Busters and, at that time, a base for the nuclear Vulcan V bombers.

However, instead of working on them he found himself attached to '1066 Squadron', and honing his engine and airframe skills on the well loved Hastings multi-purpose four-engined transport.

He related that, at that time, he found his responsibility level as a corporal higher than it was ever to be later when he was occupying posts as a senior officer.

During a period of time spent in the ranks gaining experience, he applied for aircrew selection and on his third attempt was successful.

It was a question of keeping on trying, and it was with some humour that Ron related how later in his career he became head of the aircrew selection board and saw things from the other side of the table.

His first ambition on obtaining his wings was to fly fast jets, but fate decreed that he should become qualified to fly big multi-engined aircraft instead.

It was in this role that he found himself engaged in the Falklands conflict while based on Ascension Island, and clocking up many hours flying that wonderful workhorse, the Hercules.

In time Group Captain Powell became a flying instructor and also filled many senior posts, some of which he described as being in the defence/diplomacy field, before retiring to Barry Island where he now contemplates and photographs the sun rising over the sea from his eyrie on Nell's Point.

We hope that he will return in due course and share some of the details of his later years in the RAF.

Meetings are held every Thursday at 10.30am and new members are most welcome - for further details please call 029 2059 4881.

MAC TANNER

Surf Lifesaving Club celebrates its success

AFTER yet another successful summer of nipper, junior and senior carnivals, as well as weekly training sessions at Barry beach, Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club were delighted to present their young competitors with an array of medals at a presentation evening last Thursday.

Marking a fun-filled but competitive season, Llantwit Major clubhouse was jam-packed with parents and children alike, as the club acknowledged the hard work and dedication of all involved.

The evening was introduced by chairman, Huw Beynon, who congratulated the teams for an amazing 2010 season. New Nipper coach, Andy Wiggins, thanked all those involved: "The children are an asset to the club and have shown great determination," he said.

"It's been an outstanding season and both parents and children alike have turned out to training sessions and carnivals come rain or shine."

A succession of awards and accolades were given out including:

Nippers: Best Newcomer - Mikey Prynne, Maisie Wheaton, Ruby Lily Davies; Most Improved - Braiden Bennett, Caitlin Hemmings, Cerys Thomas; Most Determined Finisher - Tom Insole, Nichol Jones; Coaches Nipper of the Year - Elliott Devred, Tamara Pitt; Nippers Nipper of the Year - Millie Wiggins; Davydd Sanders Award - Olivia Insole.

All nippers who had attended training sessions and carnivals received a 'Team Achievement' medal for all their hard work and commitment throughout the season.

JUNIORS: The Croyde Rock was presented to Matthew Robinson for his sporting performances this year and recognition was given to all the juniors who passed their Junior Surf Lifesaving award this summer.

SENIORS/other: James Edwards was awarded the Ruby Trophy for his selection to the Wales and GB Surf lifesaving teams. Stephanie Robinson won the Ivy Downie plate and Claire Thomas the Rose Bowl for an outstanding contribution to the club this year.

Stephanie Robinson

Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club is proud to be drawing more support from the immediate vicinity of the town as well as children and teenagers from further afield in the Vale of Glamorgan.

It is excited by the enthusiasm and team spirit that their younger members have shown, and continue to do so for the club and welcome any new member enquiries.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT, 1990
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DEDDF CYNLLUNIO (ADEILADAU RHESTREDIG AC ARDALOEDD CADWRAETH) 1990

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Development in Conservation Areas
Datblygiad mewn Ardaloedd Cadwraeth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/01030/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: 5 Residential Units, Restaurant/Cafe and D2 Assembly and Leisure Use
Location:/Lleoliad: Beach Cliff, The Esplanade, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Development that might affect the setting of a Listed Building
Datblygiad a allai effeithio ar amgylchedd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00999/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Garden shed to rear of property
Location:/Lleoliad: Church Cottages, St. Georges-super-Ely
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Church Cottage, a Grade II Listed Building, the Church of St. George, a Grade II* Listed Building and the Churchyard Cross, a Grade II Listed Building

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/01006/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Three bedroom agricultural dwellinghouse
Location:/Lleoliad: Ty Draw Farm, Llantrithyd
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Ty Draw Farmhouse and Agricultural Outbuildings to Ty Draw Farm which are all Grade II Listed Buildings

Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2010/01020/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Conversion of existing workshop/former stables to independent dwelling. Part of barn to be retained as garage for main house. Alterations to the access since last approved applications 2009/00282/FUL and 2009/00283/LBC
Location:/Lleoliad: Cwrt-yr-Ala House, Michaelston-le-Pit, Dinas Powys
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Cwrt Yr Ala House, Grade II Listed Building

Listed Building Consent
Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/01004/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Re-new existing slate roof
Location:/Lleoliad: Star Inn, Treoes, Nr. Bridgend
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
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Proposal:/Cynnig: Conversion of existing workshop/former stables to independent dwelling. Part of barn to be retained as garage for main house. Alterations to the access since last approved applications 2009/00282/FUL and 2009/00283/LBC
Location:/Lleoliad: Cwrt-yr-Ala House, Michaelston-le-Pit, Dinas Powys
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/01023/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: New signage and internal shopfitting works
Location:/Lleoliad: 52, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/01044/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Flood proofing
Location:/Lleoliad: Downcross House, Castle Street, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/01047/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: To alter internal arrangement of kitchen and dining room and renew/alter windows and back door to inner courtyard
Location:/Lleoliad: The Court, 4, Mount Pleasant, Cadoxton, Barry
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995
GORCHYMYN CYNLLUNIO GWLAD A THREF
(TREFN DATBLYGIAD CYFFREDINOL) 1995

Application(s) which might affect a Public Right of Way
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Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/01006/FUL
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'SPACE NUTS – RETURN OF THE JEDWARD' TAKES TO THE STAGE AT BLAENGARW!

Photos by MANDY THOMAS
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These and other pictures of the event can be viewed on
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BLAENGARW Panto Group is a small community theatre group that is heading into its 10th anniversary year with shows such as *Cinderella*, *Aladdin*, and *Jack and The Beanstalk* already behind it.

The group has now headed into outer space with a new adventure *Space Nuts – Return Of The Jedward*.

The show is a homage to great shows such as *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*, but with a very different twist.

All proceeds go towards the Chernobyl Children's Lifeline, helping the group to send lorries of aid out to the orphans of the Gorodets School in Belarus, and also to bring some of the Russian children to Wales to stay with host families for a month.

***Space Nuts* was produced and directed by the cousins Jonny and Garry Sage, and the choreography was by Greg Sage.**

The atmosphere was fantastic, with a full house. The audience screamed with laughter throughout the show.

The cast was: Jonny Sage, Garry Sage, Kevin Jones, Andrew Redway, Tammy Harris, Hywel Rose, Carrie McCarthy, Don Sage, Rhiddion Davies, David Davies, Lana Laidler, Alana Swift, Bethan Hillier, Ria Davies, Hannah Palmer, Leah Davies, Laura Worrall and Demi Ward.

Burkes Crew were Cory Sadd, Nia Clatworthy, Megan Buckle, Jayson Walsh, Kelsie Sage, Mia Tilley, Emily Elward, Kate Anthony, Millie Hopkins, Ioreth Millard, Jacob Phillips, Kai Sadd, Lucy Morgan, Kosie Pinches, Phoebe Morgan, Jade Ledward, Liam Anthony, Ffion Jones.

Young pupils get ready to move up to 'big school' with an activity day at Bryn Hafren

PUPILS in year-6 in local primary schools recently had a chance to have a day at Bryn Hafren School in Barry, as part of the 'transition' process that prepares them for the move up to 'big school'.

They had a chance to take classes in subjects that included science, drama, food technology and art.

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Vale's top volunteer Howard is honoured

RIGHT: Howard Clemo receives his reward at the ceremony

HOWARD CLEMO from Barry, has been named as the Vale Community Safety Volunteer of the year by South Wales Police at a special ceremony, which recognised the work of volunteers across south Wales.

Mr Clemo said: "I am honoured to have received this award. It is amazing that my contribution has been honoured by the Police Authority. I volunteer to give something back to the community, not to receive awards. To achieve this recognition is special, and I am grateful for this."

Penarth Leisure Centre joins the 'Zumba' craze

THE worldwide fitness phenomenon of Zumba is coming to Penarth Leisure Centre for new weekly classes.

The high energy, Latin-inspired workout has become the global fitness craze of the last few years, with devotees loving the hypnotic rhythms mixed with easy-to-follow dance moves.

The new classes are taking place at Penarth Leisure Centre every Tuesday evening, 8pm – 9pm, starting on October 26 and are available to men and women aged from 14 upwards.

NEW BOOK TAKES A CLOSE LOOK AT PENARTH BOTH PAST AND PRESENT

Author shows how the town has changed

A NEW book, *Penarth Through Time*, by author David Ings has a simple premise.

Each page has two photographs. One is an old one, and the second is 40, 50 or perhaps 100 years later. The result is a book which enables the reader to study how the passage of time has changed the town.

Penarth Through Time* is published by Amberley Publishing PLC, Cirencester Road, Chalford, Stroud, GL6 8PE. *(See also www.amberley-books.com)

Barry Swimming Club's meet in memory of Lez

BARRY Amateur Swimming Club held its fourth annual Lez Rogers Memorial Gala on Saturday, September 25 at Barry Leisure Centre.

Grace Insole (right), who was deemed joint swimmer of the meet.

This event is held in memory of Lez who died in Australia in June 2006 attending a tenpin bowling competition representing Wales.

Lez did so much for the club. Kay, his wife, with Carrianne, his daughter, who still belong to the club, wanted to do something in his memory.

Barry welcomed Llanelli, Cwmbran, Rhondda and Blaenafon to Barry Leisure Centre with the hope of an exciting competition.

We were not disappointed, with a packed balcony of spectators the first event was the 10 under mixed four 25m medley relay.

Llanelli gained first place in this event but Barry was hoping for its first win.

This came in the open mixed 4 x 50m medley relay, in which Barry took first place, in a time of 2m12s 92.

In the individual events, Shaun Bowden kicked us off with a win in the 10 under 50m Breast Stroke in a time of 48s 62 which was over a three second improvement on his previous time and he won the event by more than four seconds.

Next followed three first places by the relay teams, the 10 under Mixed 4 x 25m Butterfly in a time of 1m 24s 10, the 14 under Mixed 4 x 50 Butterfly in a time of 2m 29s 30 and the Open Mixed 4 x 50 Butterfly in a time of 2m 12s 39, which was more than nine seconds faster than Cwmbran, who came in second place.

In the Girls 10 under 50m Back Stroke, Grace Insole took first place in a time of 43s 72.

Lauren Williamson gained first place in the girls 14 under 50m Free Style in a time of 29s 65.

Not to be outdone, Kieran Knowles followed in the boys 14 under 50m Free Style with first place in a time of 26s 65.

This meant that after 22 events, Barry was in joint first place with Llanelli overall with 98 points.

Olivia Insole gained first place in a time of 33s 94 in the Girls Open 50m Fly, which was over a two second improvement on her previous time.

In the Boys Open 50m Fly, Rhys Perry gained first place in a time of 28s 73 in a very close finish of under one second.

Again in another very close finish, the Barry 12 under Mixed 4 x 25m Back Relay team gained first place in a time of 1m 24s 64.

This brought the Barry team into overall first place by four points with 121 points.

Having swum so well in her second solo outing, Grace Insole in the Girls 10 under 50m butterfly came in first in a fantastic time of 45s 44.

Shaun Bowden fought extremely hard to gain first place in the Boys 10 and under 50m Butterfly in a time of 42s 37.

In the Girls 12 and under 50m Free Style, Ffion Vickers gained first place in a time of 35s 21.

Naiomi Everett in a good time of 41s 04 gained first place in the girls 14 under 50m Breast Stroke.

Again in the relay events, Barry team did extremely well gaining first places in the Mixed 10 under 4 x 25m Breast stroke in a time of 1 m 38s 10 and the Mixed 12u 4 x 25m in a time of 1m 34s 98.

Swimming in the girls 14 under 50m Butterfly, Georgia Looker gained first place in time of 33s10.

Going into event number 48, Rhys Perry was going to have to work very hard as the Barry team was in second place, two points behind the leaders Llanelli.

Rhys' fantastic swim gained first place in the Boys Open 50m Breast Stroke in a time of 34s 47, which was less than half a second in front of Llanelli.

That took Barry to one point behind Llanelli.

To take Barry two points ahead, the 10 under Mixed 4 x50m Free Style relay team took first place in a time of 2m 43s 85.

In the last three events, the Barry swimmers gained enough points to win the overall event by just three points which was fantastic, as it meant that yet again they managed to win the Lez Rogers Shield.

Kay and Carrianne Rogers presented the shield to the very happy team.

After careful consideration, the coaches poolside decided that Grace Insole and Shaun Bowden should be presented with the swimmer of the meet medals. Well done to all the swimmers on the day who put in such a fantastic effort. A big thank you to all the officials and helpers on the day who helped the event run smoothly. Without them, the event would not happen.

Barry Amateur Swimming Club is always looking for new members to join the club - if you would like a trial, please phone Mrs Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784. They swim at Barry Leisure Centre and Cardiff International Pool. For more information, please also look on the Barry Amateur Swimming Club website.

TERESA WHEELER

Bryn's Bath winner

ON AND OFF THE TURF by BRIAN LEE

COWBRIDGE trainer Bryn Palling landed the last race on the card at Bath Races on Sunday with his seven-year-old *Pelham Crescent*, a course and distance winner who under Tom Brown scored by a length from *Raktiman* in the Toteswinger Flexi Betting Apprentice Handicap at odds of 8-1.

Meanwhile over at Ffos Las, *Silver Token*, a five-year-old grey gelding, owned, trained and bred by David Brace, sponsor of the Dunraven Bowl Hunter Chase at Chepstow, took the National Hunt Maiden Hurdle, coming home three and three quarter lengths ahead of *Jump Up,* ridden by Rhys Flint, who hails from Kenfig Hill.

Rhys and his cousin Connor (14), had both found themselves in the winners' enclosure at Chepstow races twenty-four hours earlier.

Connor, riding 13-year-old *Stambrook Marquesa* in the Charles Owen pony race for ponies 138cm and under, romped home a distance ahead of *Push The Button* ridden by Frankie Penford.

A winner of more than 40 races, *Stambrook Marquesa* is reportedly up for sale.

Rhys Flint gave Welsh racegoers plenty to cheer about when he made all the running to land the novices handicap hurdle on the Welsh-trained *William Hogarth,* which beat the odds-on favourite *Karasenir* by a length.

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Llantwit Major reserve team grab fourth win in a row

Exiles	**1**
Llantwit Major AFC Reserves	**5**

HIGH-FLYING Llantwit travelled to Wenvoe to take on the Exiles, hoping to secure their fourth league win in a row.

The Major welcomed back their inspirational skipper Lee Tracey from suspension and leading scorer Dom White.

Llantwit came flying out of the blocks and attacked their stunned opponents with vigour. Gethin Jennings found time on the ball in midfield and threaded a perfectly weighted ball through the home defence.

Dom White surged onto the ball and smashed the ball into the net for the opener.

The Wenvoe defence could not live with the pace and movement of the Llantwit front three, with lynch-pin James Hartley ably supported out wide by Dom White and Craig Bright.

The central midfield pairing of Dan Major and the veteran Phil Grafton had the upper-hand on their Wenvoe counterparts, reducing the Exiles to playing long hopeful balls in attack, while also enabling the artistic Gethin Jennings to find space in his attacking midfield role to terrorise the home team.

Llantwit's second saw Jennings feed Bright on the left flank. Gliding past his marker with ease, Bright drilled a low cross into the penalty area, and Hartley arrived right on cue at the far post to fire home from five yards out.

The Major's third should have come a minute just a minute later, skipper Tracey heading the ball over the crossbar, much to the gratification of his team-mates.

Another corner expertly swung in by Bright resulted in a goal mouth scramble, Hartley poked home from close range, for Llantwit's third of the game.

The home team got a bit more of a foothold in the game in the second half and this was seemingly welcomed by the unengaged Major back four of Grahame, Morris, Fairchild and Tracey.

Hartley was played through by an excellent through-ball from Morris, and with just the keeper to beat, there was an air of certainty in the outcome, as Hartley casually rolled the ball into the net for his hat-trick.

White confidently dinked the ball over the oncoming Wenvoe keeper and into the net, after being released by an exquisite Fairchild pass for the fifth.

The visitors became over confident, giving the ball away cheaply and giving the home team opportunities to attack.

In the last minute of the game, a rare Fairchild error gifted Wenvoe a deserved consolation goal.

Man of the match was awarded to James Hartley for his fine link up play, work-rate and three fine goals.

Team: D Callard, O Morris, L Tracey (capt), J Fairchild, J Grahame, D Major, P Grafton, G Jennings, C Bright, J Hartley, D White; subs: R Grapes, D Lansdown, L Vincent. **DC**

Thomas returns home

AFTER scoring a try per game in his first two Wales rugby league international appearances, Gareth Thomas is looking forward to getting back to his native south Wales this Sunday, when Wales take on Ireland at The Gnoll (kick-off 2pm).

Wales had an outstanding first match of the European Championships on Sunday when they hammered Scotland 60-22 to leap to the top of the four-team group on points difference from France, who beat Ireland 58-24 on Saturday.

Thomas scored a try in that game, following on from his ninth minute score against Italy last Wednesday in his first Welsh rugby league appearance.

Thomas hopes that another good performance for Wales this Sunday will elevate recognition of the sport in the principality and is calling on the Welsh public to come to The Gnoll to cheer them on.

Tickets for Wales' only home game in the tournament (kick-off 2pm), priced £4 for juniors and £8 for adults, can be bought by going to www.walesrugbyleague.co.uk **IG**

Llantwit club goes indoors!

WITH the end of the outdoor season, Llantwit Major Bowls Club have come indoors.

We are now open for bowling in the Pavilion four days a week, Monday to Thursday, 2pm until 4pm.

Cost per week is £1, including refreshments.

All old and new members are welcome, with very friendly get-together bowls available.

For further information contact Kay Johnes, 01446 793927.

The Vale Resort helps the global 'drive' for success

A GROUP of keen Scottish observers were among the guests at the Vale Resort in Hensol, which was full to capacity for the four-day Ryder Cup.

The group from Visit Scotland, had based themselves at the 4 star hotel in order to analyse what Wales has to offer, and pick-up tips for when the Ryder Cup returns to Scotland's Gleneagles Hotel in four years' time.

Other visitors to the resort included German tour operators and smaller groups of Australian, Irish and American golf fans, who enjoyed spectating at the exciting event – as well as playing great golf on The Vale Resort's two championship golf courses – The Wales National and The Lake.

Paul Beddoe, The Vale Resort's director of sales and marketing, said: "The feedback about the tournament, Wales and especially Cardiff has been quite simply fantastic. All aspects of our visitors' trips to Wales have been positive and as a nation we clearly demonstrated all Wales has to offer.

"The hospitality that guests received throughout the region was equal to the best in the world.

"One German tour operator has already booked two golf group visits with us for next year, and I firmly believe that awareness of Wales after hosting the Ryder Cup will prove immensely beneficial in the long term, once the immediate excitement has died down," Mr Beddoe added.

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Rampant Cowbridge under-12s stay top after an easy victory

COWBRIDGE under-12s visited Wenvoe FC last Saturday for their next league encounter as league leaders with seven wins out of seven.

Cowbridge's composure on the ball with free flowing passing showed, and the mid-field ensured they used both their wide men in James Holder and Sean Davies.

Both players were involved in the opening goal, as a beautiful cross from Holder saw the Wenvoe goalkeeper beaten by the fantastic one-touch finishing of Davies.

The second goal came shortly after, as Day fed Davies on the right and he lobbed the Wenvoe keeper.

The third goal came from a whipped in ball by Davies, that saw Harrison Stevens smash home to make it 3–0.

David Bear then added to the score with a rasping shot.

Wenvoe remained determined and pulled one back, then got another shortly afterwards.

Cowbridge remained calm after conceding two quick goals and Holder's ferocious cross caused problems for the Wenvoe keeper, and Davies latched on to it to complete his hatrick, making the half time score 5–2.

Manager Day made several changes at half time, as Josh Peterson came into midfield and did a sterling job.

Owen Tuckwell took up the striker position from Harrison Stevens and Tomos Evans Williams came on to snuff out Wenvoe's centre forward.

With the second half underway, Cowbridge took full control of the game.

Sammy Lee and Tom Overstone entered the frame and contributed in keeping the game safe, with second half goals from Bear and Lee ensuring that Cowbridge finished 7–2 winners and retained their position at the top of the table.

While any player who scores a hat trick is worthy of the man of the match, a special mention should go to Tom Bainbridge-Glover, who gave another fantastic performance at right back.

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FLYNN'S HOPES DASHED BY THE BULGARIANS AND THE SWISS...

So, after three defeats out of three, where do Wales go now?

by GARETH JAMIESON

WHAT a difference a year can make. As the Welsh football team spluttered to the finishing line of another qualifying campaign that promised so much but delivered so little last autumn, the talk was of how the youngsters of the team had been seasoned that little bit more, ready to handle the rigours of a Euro 2012 qualifying campaign.

Hope that this was more than just talk was boosted by a 3–0 win over Scotland, led by Aaron Ramsey, whose bossing of the game was a sight to behold. Yet rather than act as a catalyst, this result appeared to be a one-off, as disappointing friendly results and the loss of Ramsey to a horrific leg break set Wales back.

Starting the Euro campaign with a 1–0 loss away to Montenegro, the supposed minnows whose away win over Bulgaria (and subsequent win over Switzerland and draw with England) suggested they are anything but, was hardly the most inspiring of results, but it was a shock to see John Toshack, whose preference for youth had achieved mixed results at best, stand down from the post of Welsh manager.

With such a quick turnaround between fixtures it was unsurprising to see Brian Flynn, who had masterminded the under-21s transformation from also-rans to players, take the job on a caretaker basis, and his desire to take on the job full-time met with largely positive reaction.

The first test of his stewardship came with a home fixture against Bulgaria, who have 'enjoyed' a similarly fruitless start to their campaign, having lost both to Montenegro, and suffering a comprehensive 4–0 defeat at Wembley against England.

With UEFA appearing to have taken fixture advice from the Magners League, Friday night saw Wales' opportunity to kick-start their hopes of making it to Poland and Ukraine in 2012.

As ever, the squad was riddled with injuries, leaving Flynn to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor by playing Steve Morison alone up front, though in a slightly more attacking 4–2–3–1 formation.

The opening minutes saw neither team grab hold of the game, Bulgaria having the first shot on goal; but soon after, some smooth build up play between Bale and Ledley saw the former cross the ball across goal. A dummy by Morison gave Chris Gunter a golden opportunity, but his drive blasted across the face of goal.

Bulgaria were again denied by the hands of Hennessy, and while Wales looked encouraging, the lack of a cutting-edge meant all the hard work was having little end product.

Bale had a wonderful opportunity after a good cross from Ledley, but he missed the ball; while a teasing cross from the recalled Danny Collins found the head of Morison, but the Millwall striker was unable to put much power on it.

Warning signs were flashing when Stilyan Petrov saw his shot blocked at the start of the second half, then blasted wide of the Welsh goal, and 3 minutes after the restart, Bulgaria grabbed the decisive goal.

There seemed little danger as they knocked the ball about on the edge of the area, but two clever passes pulled the Welsh defence out shape, and with Ricketts and James Collins struggling to get back, Popov beat Hennessy at his near post.

Petrov was again denied from distance, and the long balls to Morison became a far too regular occurence.

However, when the ball was played to his feet, Morison had the best chance of the match, going clear only for his shot to lack composure and conviction.

While this lifted both players and fans, Bulgaria were more than happy to sit back, and even with the arrival of King, Church and Robson-Kanu from the substitutes' bench, Wales found breaking down the Bulgarians a difficult task.

The game came back to life in the last five minutes. First Robson-Kanu headed over from a Bale cross, before Bulgaria's counter-attacking yielded two opportunities that they squandered.

However, Wales' night went from bad to worse when Gunter cynically, and stupidly, blocked Rangelov when he was the last man - the red card the referee brought out of his pocket was met with indifference by a rapidly-emptying stadium, who by now knew that the new dawn promised by Flynn had already suffered its first, and potentially fateful, setback.

The Tuesday trip to Switzerland, made harder by the suspensions of Ricketts and Gunter, was one that brought chills. However, in this encounter of the two bottom teams, it was an improved performance by the Welsh, the 4-1 scoreline doing little justice to the team.

Flynn's decision to make changes was a welcome one, Simon Church coming in for Morison, with the likes of Darcy Blake, Andrew Crofts and Andy King all being given the chance to shine.

It seemed the same old story when Stocker netted the Swiss' first, but Wales' bright start was rewarded when Gareth Bale broke and finished coolly to grab a deserved equaliser.

It was the recurring defensive frailties that did for Wales as Streller was played onside by Collins and had little trouble beating Hennessy to make it 2-1.

But for all Wales' hard first half work, the second period saw chances created but without the guile to finish them off, and two goals in the last ten minutes for the Swiss (including a harsh penalty) gave a brighter sheen to the scoreline for the home side than was perhaps deserved.

So where now for Wales? It seems that every report alludes to the same old reasons for failure - injuries, lapses of concentration, lack of a goalscoring touch - but it is high time that these issues were addressed.

As for Bryan Flynn's future, his onus on passing football was commendable; but if Wales are to really get themselves out of the doldrums then a fresh start is required, and that means sweeping away, at senior level, the remnants of the Toshack years.

A big managerial appointment - and, no, that doesn't mean Ian Rush, John Hartson or Chris Coleman - is the order of the day for the FAW, in order to give the nation a boost ahead of what will be a tricky qualifier against England in Cardiff next March.

Wales requires higher standards and a little bit of luck if we are to end our qualification hoodoo - it is now up to the FAW to find that man.

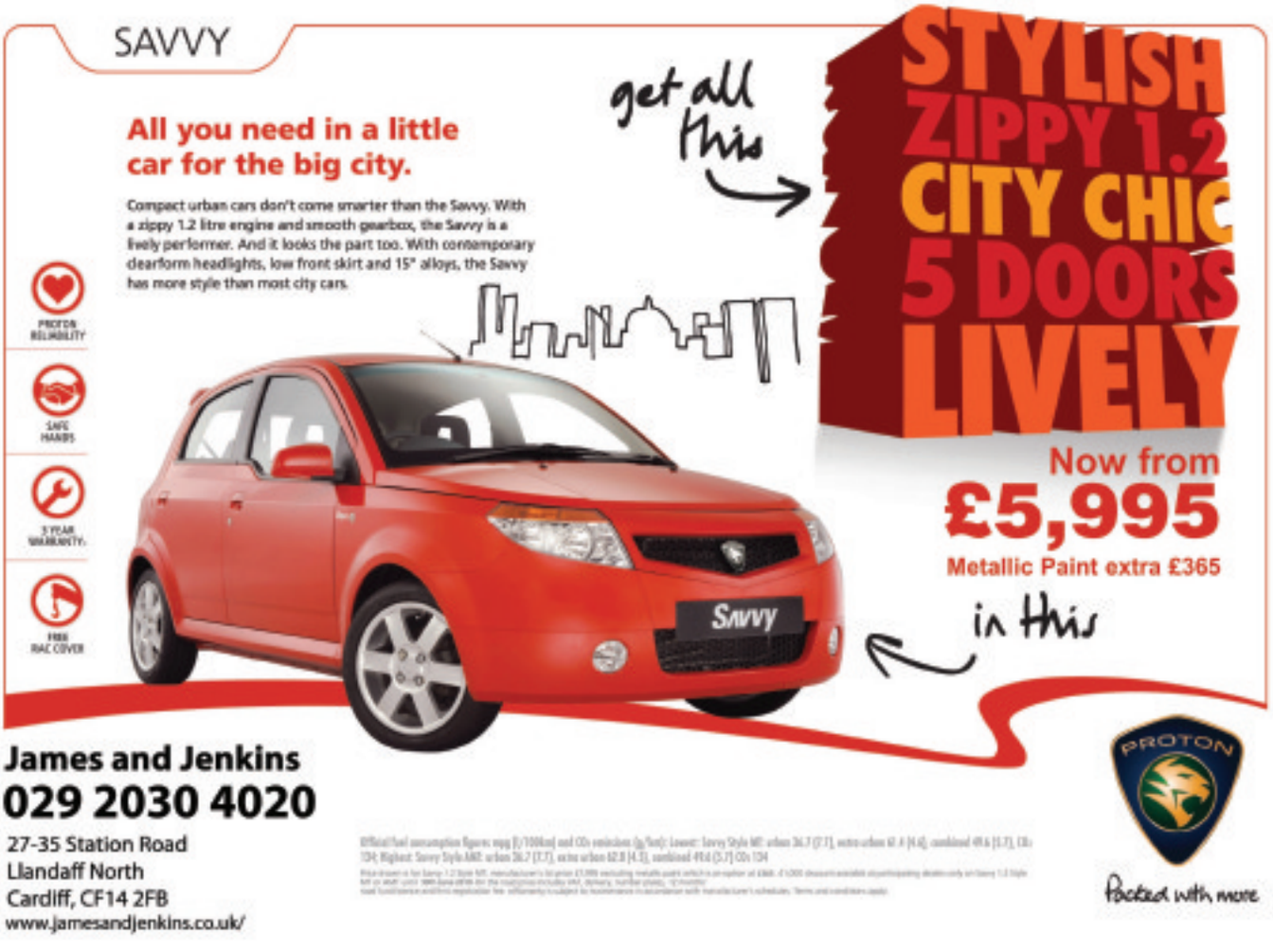
Matthew leads out national side

ONE boy from Llantwit Major – Matthew Wright – had the experience of a lifetime when he became a player escort leading out the teams for the European Championship qualifying game on Friday, October 8, between Wales and Bulgaria at Cardiff City Stadium.

The young football fan won the incredible opportunity to walk out, hand-in-hand, with the country's greatest footballers in Brian Flynn's first ever match as manager as part of a set up to celebrate the ongoing four year partnership between McDonald's and The Welsh Football Trust (WFT).

Matthew said: "I was so excited about Friday and I just couldn't believe I'd won. Walking out on the pitch with all the players before such a big game was amazing!"

Ian Rush, McDonald's head of Welsh football, added: "It is a great experience for these kids to be walking out on the pitch at Cardiff City Stadium, and one they will never forget."



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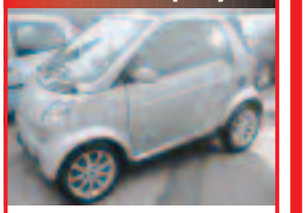

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GEM sport

Tennis success for Cowbridge Comprehensive School pupils!

See full report on page 4 of this week's Cowbridge GEM.

Town leave it late to return to winning ways

COWBRIDGE TOWN FC recovered from three defeats in a row to get back to winning ways away at Barry Sports Centre against Cadoxton Imps.

The match suffered from blustery conditions, with both sides struggling to keep errors out of their game.

Cadoxton, currently bottom of the division, defied the gap in league positions between the two clubs to fashion early chances.

However, a combination of poor finishing, and good defending managed to keep the home side out.

Town were struggling to enforce themselves on the game, even if sporadic moments of class showed their superiority. They were presented a golden chance to take the lead with the first half coming to a close, after the awarding of a penalty.

Gethin Still stepped up for the spot kick, but watched his effort power just over the cross bar.

The first half played out with no more incident and both sides were left wondering whether the break through would come.

The second half continued in similar fashion, although the Town midfield combined well with some shorter, sharper passing.

Substitutions were made, with Hans Kennedy and Dave Davies coming on to try to reignite some thrust to the Town attack.

Continuing to press, Town sensed they were facing up to another poor result; however, with time ticking away, the ball broke over the Cadoxton back four to the onrushing Dave Davies, who scooped the ball neatly over the Imps keeper to give the red and blacks an invaluable late lead.

With just five minutes remaining Town never looked like losing their advantage, and the referee's whistle at the end of the game signalled a welcome return to winning ways.

Cowbridge Town FC's next fixture is at 2.15pm this Saturday (October 16) at the Bear Field, Cowbridge Leisure Centre, against Tynewydd.

As always it would be great if you could show your support!

MR

Squash teams suffer in first week of season

WEEK one of the new South Wales and South Glamorgan Squash leagues season brought varying fortunes to the Cowbridge squash rackets teams.

The B (Bar 44) and C teams suffered defeats against UWIC B and UHW A respectively, while the Cowbridge Bar 44 A team recorded a highly commendable 4-1 victory away at Academicals.

Niall Sloan (no. 5) and Jon Bisson (no. 2) both posted 3-0 victories while Garfield Leask (no. 3) and A team new boy Simon Payne (no. 4) met with more resistance before running out 3-1 winners.

Nick Guard, fully expecting a tough season at no.1, certainly felt the full force of the task in hand and went down 0-3 to Roger Camp, who travels from Bristol to compete at the South Wales League level (Div 2 east A).

Match score 16-5 - good points at any level!

Meanwhile, the Cowbridge Bar 44 B team did not know what to expect from the UWIC B line-up, just that they would very young and very fit!

This soon became apparent when Chris Ranger (no. 3) and Steve Morris (no. 2) went down 0-3 despite each putting up a brave fight.

Fortunes started to swing back the B team way when Julian Jenkins posted a scintillating 3-0 (9-3, 9-0, 9-2) result at no 5.

Richard Ford (no. 4) also made a solid start to go 2-0 up (9-7, 9-4) before being edged out 8-10 in the third and also narrowly dropping the fourth 7-9, before finding enough fitness and match experience to post a 9-4 fifth game win against an opponent a third his age!

The Bar 44 B's welcomed an injection of youth to their team (at no.1) in the shape of Alex Voake, who is back in the locality after spending a few years at university in London.

The former Cowbridge junior champion was competitive for the first two games (5-9, 7-9) before running out of match fitness, going down 0-3 - overall match score 7-15 (home bonus point for qualified referee Nick Guard).

The C team started their campaign at UHW A but the very warm courts were not to all players liking. Andy Littlejohn (no. 5) took to the conditions very well in posting his 3-0 victory - a welcome return after missing the whole of last season.

Tony Steele, however, did not replicate the form shown in team practice in losing 0-3 at no 4.

New team skipper, Dave Matthews, went down 0-3, at no. 3.

Hugh Wallace posted a 1-3 reverse at no. 2, but the hot court conditions were not suited to Wallace's game.

Colin Giles put in a very spirited performance at no. 1 against a quality opponent before losing 2-3 with match fitness costing him the fifth game.

Match score 6-16.

Cowbridge Squash Club membership is always available and the juniors section (ages 7-16) always welcomes new players - details from Clive Prigg (01446 773729) or russ.watts@btopenworld.com

RW

COWBRIDGE MINI AND JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

CRICC crack in face of Cowbridge pace and power

COWBRIDGE under-13s visited CRICC RFC at their Cardiff home in Whitchurch.

The team were raring to go and scored quickly with Tom Trotman hurtling between the Cowbridge centres on a crash ball to open the scoring. Matt Harper made the conversion for 7–0.

Cowbridge soon scored again with Matt Harper going over for a good try out wide, followed by two more scores by Tom Trotman to give a 29–0 score after 20 minutes.

The pack was working well (ably led by George Thomas) and was providing good ball for captain Tom Lucas at scrum half to call the shots.

The Cowbridge half backs pressurised their opponents at all times, and during a CRICC attack Ashford Thomas intercepted to run in a try from the halfway line. Matt Harper converted again for a 36 - 0 score.

A few moments of relaxation left the door open to CRICC to score just before half-time (36 - 7).

Cowbridge started the second half well with Rian Thomas, Nathan Robson and Frazz McGhan using their strength to power over for good tries against a somewhat shell-shocked CRICC team.

Nonetheless CRICC did not give in and hit back with two late tries after some rather half-hearted Cowbridge tackling.

Cowbridge, however, had the last word with Nathan Robson continuing his impressive start with the Cowbridge team by powering his way through the CRICC defence from his own halfway line to give a final score of **CRICC 21 - Cowbridge 62.**

Squad; Cai Thomas Jenkins, Owain Thomas Jenkins, Josh Brace, George Thomas, Tom Evans, Jac Davies, Tom Whitehouse, Luke John, Frazz McGann, Nathan Robson, Ashford Thomas, Liam Sloane, Gabe Newham, Rian Thomas, Matt Harper, Tom Lucas, Miles Davies, Aled Evans, Olly Brown and Joe Traherne.

UNDER-11s

Cowbridge under-11s entertained CRICC in what would prove to be an extremely hard fought contest.

To accommodate all the boys available and ensure everyone received equal playing time, the coaches decided to play four 10-minute quarters.

The game kicked off and CRICC did well to retrieve possession and forced play deep in to the Cowbridge half. The Cowbridge boys defended well and after great work from Jake Griffiths and Dylan Cottle, the ball was moved to Rhys Bradshaw.

The Cowbridge fly half then went on a fantastic run to score a try conceived in his own 22. From the restart, the Cowbridge forwards secured the ball and William Davies, Tom Jose and Dan Taylor all made good yards.

Oliver Reynolds fed the back line before Tom Coates beat his man and offloaded to Angus James, who fed Evan Williams to touch down in the corner. CRICC hit straight back and narrowed the scores before the end of the first quarter.

CRICC carried the momentum into the second quarter and scored a brace before James Guard ripped a ball from contact and found Evan Williams, who once again showed his class to level the scores at half time.

All change for the next period and the introduction of the subs saw Cowbridge dominate. Excellent work up front from Cameron Roy, Jac Roberts and Max Lucas allowed Ioan Lewis and Bevan Howells to dictate behind.

Max Cunnington was his abrasive self and as a result of his good work, the ball was flashed across the back line for the elegant Rhys Davies to touch down. Further good work from Jake Griffiths set up the next score, with Evan Williams touching down for his hat-trick.

An excellent kick-off saw Cowbridge once again secure the ball and quick service from the base saw Bevan Howells power over for the next score at the end of the third quarter. Another reshuffle of the line up for the final quarter saw excellent play from both sides, but neither was able to trouble the scorers. **Final score Cowbridge 42 CRICC 21.**

Many thanks to all the players, coaches and parents from CRICC, for their part in an excellent morning of rugby.

Squad; Angus James, Bevan Howells, Cameron Roy, Dan Taylor, Dylan Cottle, Evan Williams, Ioan Lewis, Jac Roberts, Jake Griffiths, James Guard, Luke Beattie, Max Cunnington, Max Lucas, Oliver Reynolds, Rhys Bradshaw, Rhys Davies, Tom Coates, Tom Jose.

UNDER-7s

A sunny windy day at the Cattle Market ground saw Cowbridge host the Cardiff CRICC team.

Two games were played, the first being a closely contested draw, the second a narrow defeat. The first score was one of three for Reuben Davies in this game, a fine solo effort straight from the kick off with a burst of acceleration around everyone.

His other scores were more of a team effort, with Rob Brown and Stefan Evans adding some very effective running and passing moves. Unfortunately, the boys forgot about tagging as the way to win matches and were more interested in fighting for the ball among themselves. The final score was 5–5.

The second game saw a turn around in personnel so that all of the large squad had a good period of time on the pitch. This game was much the same, with both teams scoring at will as the lack of a defensive line (along with the similarity in the teams' shirts) meant that tries were traded evenly.

Finlay Ball, Will Harries and Rob Brown scored for some well-taken team tries, and another fine solo effort from Reuben Davies and a truly spectacular last gasp flying tackle by Iolo Davies at the corner flag meant a win was at last on the cards.

However, the tagging problems continued and two fine individual tries by the CRICC No 16 meant the boys went down 4-5. A great improvement by the boys, but its time to listen to the coaches and realise that they are not all Casey Lualua and that winning rugby comes from tackling as well as scoring.

Scorers :- Reuben Davies (four), Robbie Brown (two), Stefan Evans, Finlay Ball, Will Harries.

ML

Wales' new football era was dealt a harsh blow last Friday night, losing 1-0 to Bulgaria.

See page 45 for Gareth Jamieson's take on where Wales are going wrong.

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